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State lifts 7-day home quarantine norm

The Hindu Bureau
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Three days after making seven days home quarantine mandatory for asymptomatic international passengers arriving in the State from five high risk countries – China, Japan, South Korea, Singapore and Thailand – besides Hong Kong, Karnataka on Tuesday withdrew this norm.

Following recommendations by the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee, the Health Department had issued a circular on December 31 mandating seven days home quarantine for international passengers from the high risk countries.

However, in a fresh circular on Tuesday, the department said the December 31 circular for international passengers has been withdrawn.

Health Commissioner Randeep D. said the State is falling in line with the Centre's guidelines that do not permit quarantine.

No need for extra curbs on free speech of Ministers: SC

A statement by a Minister cannot be attributed vicariously to government by invoking principle of collective responsibility... PM or CM doesn't have disciplinary control over all members, says Bench

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

> The state is under a duty to affirmatively protect the rights of a person under Article 21, whenever there is a threat to personal liberty, even by a non-state actor
>
> **JUSTICE V. RAMASUBRAMANIAN**

> State has an obligation to intervene when acts of a private actor may threaten the life or liberty of another individual
>
> **JUSTICE B.V. NAGARATHNA**

The Supreme Court held on Tuesday that there is no reason to impose "additional restrictions" on the right to free speech of Ministers, and the government is not vicariously liable for disparaging remarks made by them, even if the comments are traceable to state affairs or meant to protect the government.

"A statement by a Minister, even if traceable to any affairs of the state or for protecting the government, cannot be attributed vicariously to the government by invoking the principle of collective responsibility," Justice V. Ramasubramanian held in the main judgment of the Constitution Bench. The judgment was endorsed by Justices S. Abdul Nazeer, B.R. Gavai and A.S. Bopanna on the Bench.

"It is not possible to extend this concept of collective responsibility to any and every statement orally made by a Minister outside the House of the People/ Legislative Assembly... The Prime Minister or the Chief Minister does not have disciplinary control over the members of the Council of Ministers... in a country like ours, where there is a multi-party system and where coalition governments are often formed, it is not possible at all times for a Prime Minister/Chief Minister to take the whip whenever a statement is made by someone in the Council of Ministers," Justice Ramasubramanian observed.

In a separate opinion, Justice B.V. Nagarathna differed with the leading judgment on the point, saying a Minister's statement, if traceable to any affairs of the state or for protecting the government, can be attributed vicariously to the government by invoking the principle of collective responsibility, "so long as such statement represented the view of the government too". "If such a statement is not consistent with the view of the government, then it is attributable to the Minister personally," Justice Nagarathna drew the distinction.

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We do not believe in war, but will fight if forced to: Rajnath

Strategic link: The Siyom Bridge inaugurated by the Defence Minister in Arunachal Pradesh on Tuesday. ANI

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India has always been against war but "if it is imposed upon us, we will fight"m Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said in Arunachal Pradesh on Tuesday as he inaugurated 28 infrastructure projects built by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO).

The projects built at a cost of ₹724 crore include 22 bridges and three roads spread across several States.

"The world is witnessing a number of conflicts today. India has always been against war. It is our policy. We do not believe in war, but if it is forced upon us, we will fight. We are ensuring that the nation is protected from all threats. Our armed forces are ready and it is heartening to see that the BRO is walking shoulder to shoulder with them," he said at a ceremony on the Siyom Bridge.

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Siddeshwar Swami cremated in Vijayapura

BELAGAVI
Sri Siddeshwar Swami of Jnana Yogashrama was cremated with State honours in Vijayapura on Tuesday night. Sri Basavalinga Swami, head of the ashrama, and other religious leaders lit the pyre at around 9 p.m. » PAGE 7

Over 50 trees cut for road widening

BENGALURU
The BBMP has axed over 50 grown trees on Ballari Road to widen the existing road from Cauvery Theatre junction to Mekhri Circle. The axed trees were located in front of gate numbers 9 to 4 of Palace Grounds. » PAGE 2

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'Karnataka's daily average of new cases will touch 291 in Feb. and drop to 57 in March'

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Experts from IISc and Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) have projected that the emerging new variants are not likely to result in a huge surge in the number of COVID-19 cases in Karnataka.

According to their estimation, the peak daily average of new cases in Karnataka, in the context of the global scenario, will touch 291 in February. While an average of 169 cases are estimated to be reported in January in the entire State, the number is expected to reduce to 57 in March.

A medic collecting a sample for the COVID-19 test at a public health centre, in Bengaluru on Tuesday. PTI

The estimation was based on a mathematical model, made using the immunological and genomic landscape of Singapore for XBB variant that closely matched with Bengaluru and Karnataka.

In a presentation made at the 191st meeting of the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) on Monday. Professor Rajesh Sundaresan from IISc and Professor Siva Athreya from ISI, using Singapore's immunological and genomic landscape as a reference, have estimated that Bengaluru, which has been the epicentre of COVID-19 in all waves, is likely to see a daily average of 111 new cases in January, 178 new cases in February and 32 new cases in March.

Data on the specific factors related to Karnataka vis-a-vis Singapore that were taken into consideration were not immediately available.

According to the TAC's report, experts have estimated that the daily average hospitalisation is not likely to cross 0.4% in both Bengaluru and the rest of Karnataka.

Following this, the TAC has recommended that the above model can be used for initial planning while simultaneously closely monitoring the evolving situation on a daily basis. The TAC has also reiterated that all SARI cases should compulsorily be tested for COVID-19 in the current scenario both in government and private healthcare facilities and the positive samples with cycle threshold value of less than 25 (CT<25) should be sent for whole genome sequencing (WGS).

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IIITB develops platform to provide Aadhaar-like digital identities for 9 countries

Jahnavi T.R.
BENGALURU

Around 70 million citizens in Philippines (80% of the population) have enrolled on their national digital identity programme rolled out by Modular Open-Source Identity Platform (MOSIP), a digital identity platform developed by a team at the International Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIITB).

Upon the request of World Bank to initiate research and development, the project provides digital identities similar to Aadhaar to underdeveloped and developing countries. So far, 16 lakh lines of code have been developed and used by countries, for free.

The device used for digital identification at MOSIP Experience Centre, IIITB SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Although the project was first aimed at providing MOSIP to five countries, it has now been extended to nine countries. Philippines, Morocco, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Ethiopia, Republic of Guinea, Sierra Leone, Burkina Faso, and Togolese Republic are the countries whose citizens will enroll. A team of 30, comprising top designers and others from software, database design, security and privacy departments, are working on the project at IIITB.

"Along with technical know-how, we will also help the countries with technological training. Data, privacy, and security will all be within their own country and their policy; we will not interfere with it. We are providing digital identity for the world in a modular nature so that it can be customised. For instance, in Philippines, English, and Filipino are the languages used, while in Morocco, it is French and Arabic. Different countries have separate biometric needs and accordingly, the modular biometrics will be used," explained Debabrata Das, Director, IIITB, who is also the Chairman of Executive Committee for the project.

Prof. Rajagopalan, president, MOSIP project, added that the project is highly scalable and secure. Developers have also figured out a way to operate in 5,000+ habitable islands of Philippines that have a poor Internet connection.

The project is also being funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Norad, Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Pratiksha Trust and Omidyar Network.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

A four-year high in Iraq's oil revenues as prices collapse

115 In $ billion, Iraq's oil revenues in 2022, a four-year high following a collapse in prices during the COVID-19 pandemic. The country is the second largest producer within the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). There was a spike in revenue following Russia's invasion of Ukraine and OPEC producers' reluctance to increase production. AFP

Beneficiaries in Odisha to get five kg of rice a month, free of cost

9.05 The number of Odisha's State Food Security Scheme (SFSS) beneficiaries who will receive five kg of rice per month free of cost for the next 12 months, according to Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik. The initiative, set to begin on January 23, will entail a total expenditure of ₹185 crore which will be met by the state exchequer. PTI

Civilians from the ethnic Fulani group killed in Burkina Faso

28 The number of civilians of the ethnic Fulani group killed by volunteer militia groups supporting Burkina Faso's army, according to a local rights group. Burkina Faso's Fulani people have been increasingly targeted by the military because they are suspected of supporting the country's extremist rebels that have been inflicting violence on the country for years. AP

A sharp drop in Turkey's inflation from 84% in December

64 In %, the inflation in Turkey in December, down from 84.39% reported in November. The inflation showed a sharp drop in December mainly due to technical reasons. This could help President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's standing before an election but is unlikely to bring relief to households suffering from a cost of living crisis. AP

Five cases of COVID-19's XBB.1.5 variant found in India

5 The number of cases of COVID-19's XBB.1.5 variant, responsible for the rise of cases in the U.S., found in India, according to data from the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genomics Consortium (INSACOG). Of the five, three cases were found in Gujarat and one each in Karnataka and Rajasthan. The new strain is a relative of the Omicron XBB variant. PTI

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On the legality of Israel's occupation

What was the resolution passed by the United Nations General Assembly regarding Israel's prolonged presence on Palestinian land? How did Israel come to occupy the West Bank? How does the newly elected government of Israel view its relations with the State of Palestine?

EXPLAINER

Diksha Munjal

The story so far:

The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) ended 2022 by passing a resolution that asked the body's highest court, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) , to render its opinion on the legal consequences of Israel's prolonged occupation of Palestinian land. The resolution was passed with 87 member countries voting favourably, as opposed to 26 countries, including the U.S. and Israel, voting against it. India was one of the 53 countries that abstained from the vote.

Illegal land: A general view of the Jewish settlement of Efrat in West Bank. AP

How has Israel altered its occupation of Palestinian land over the years?

Official Israeli statistics show that Jewish settlers existed in historical Palestine even before the state of Israel was declared in 1948. A UNGA resolution had earlier sought to partition British mandate Palestine. But as the UN partition plan was rejected by the Arabs and the British mandate was coming to an end, Zionists went ahead declaring independence, triggering the first Arab-Israel war. When the war was over, Israel had captured more territories than what the UN plan had proposed and some 7,00,000 Palestinians were displaced. Historical Palestine was divided into the State of Israel (including West Jerusalem), the West Bank (including East Jerusalem) that was taken over by Jordan and the Gaza Strip (controlled by Egypt). Tensions kept rising between Israel and three countries in the region – Egypt, Jordan, and Syria – which led to the six-day war of 1967. The war resulted in Israel capturing the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem, along with Syria's Golan Heights and the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt. While the Sinai Peninsula was later returned to Egypt, other captured areas of Palestinian and Syrian territory remain under Israel's military control. Later, Israel also declared the whole of Jerusalem as its "eternal, undivided capital". While Israel withdrew from Gaza in 2005, it's external borders are still controlled by Israel and Egypt. While the UN Security Council passed a resolution in late 1967 stating that Israel must withdraw from the territories it seized in the war, it is yet to happen and the fate of Palestinian self-determination remains uncertain. Palestinians seek the West Bank as the heartland of a future independent State. However, in the decades since the 1967 war, Israel has constructed dozens of Jewish settlements in West Bank, alongside the three million Palestinians living under Israeli military rule. Most of the international community considers Israel's West Bank settlements illegal and an obstacle to peace. Incidents of violence and killings of Palestinians by Israeli forces have become common over the years.

What does the resolution seek to do?

The resolution passed by the UNGA on December 30 asked the ICJ to provide its advisory opinion on the legal consequences of Israel's "occupation, settlement and annexation ... including measures aimed at altering the demographic composition, character and status of the Holy City of Jerusalem, and from its adoption of related discriminatory legislation and measures." While the U.S. rejected the resolution and major European powers abstained, the vote got unanimous support from the Arab nations. There are two possibilities when a referral is made to the ICJ, it can either lead to a settlement with a party withdrawing its case or it can lead to a trial followed by a verdict. While its rulings are binding, the ICJ has no power to enforce them.

How does the new Israeli government look at the conflict with Palestine?

The UN resolution coincides with the return of Benjamin Netanyahu as Israel's Prime Minister for a sixth time, with the most far-right coalition in the history of Israel taking charge of the administration. The current six-party right-wing coalition has five ultra-orthodox and far-right Jewish nationalist parties. There are fears that the new hard-line regime will bring damaging impacts for Palestinians as several of Mr. Netanyahu's key allies, including most of the Religious Zionism party, are ultranationalist West Bank settlers. The new government's coalition agreement, a policy document enlisting its agendas, states that its top priority will be the expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and the legalisation of dozens of illegally built outposts. "The Jewish people have an exclusive and unquestionable right to all areas of the Land of Israel," the document states, also citing the coalition's commitment to "advance and develop settlements in all parts of the land of Israel," including "Judea and Samaria," the biblical names for the West Bank. The agreement also promises to annex the West Bank "while choosing the timing and considering the national and international interests of the state of Israel."

THE GIST

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How is India moving to regulate online gaming?

What are the new draft amendments with respect to online gaming? How has the industry responded? How will the new rules protect users? What are the obligations of the gaming platforms?

Saptaparno Ghosh
Abhishek Chatterjee

The story so far:

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has released draft amendments in relation to online gaming. The idea is to ensure that online games are in conformity with Indian laws and to safeguard users against potential harm. The Minister of State at MeitY Rajeev Chandrasekhar stated that the draft proposes a self-regulatory mechanism which, in future, may also regulate the content of online gaming. Feedback is invited until January 17.

What changes are being proposed?

The proposals are aimed at safeguarding the interests of users by introducing set procedures and norms for verification and user engagement. More importantly, the draft proposal defines what constitutes an 'online game'. It is "a game that is offered on the internet and is accessible by a user through a computer resource if he makes a deposit with the expectation of earning winnings". 'Winning' constitutes any prize, in cash or kind, intended to be given to the participant "on the performance of the user and in accordance with the rules of such online game". This addresses the discourse in the sector about the definitions of a 'game of skill' and 'game of chance'. The proposal endeavours to provide for greater transparency. The game operators would have to verify users on the platform and provide them with the terms of services. For the monetary aspect of it, operators would have to inform the user about the policy related to withdrawal or refund of their deposit, measures taken for its protection, the manner and distribution of winnings and the fees and other charges to be paid by the user. They would also have to be informed about the risk of potential financial loss and addiction associated with the game. Addiction is to be combated using repeated warning messages should the user exceed a reasonable duration while playing a certain game.

What about the platforms?

Before hosting or publishing a game, the platform would have to verify it from the self-regulatory body it is associated with. It would then be required to carry a registration mark on all its recognised online games. The platform is expected to appoint a key management personnel or senior employee as its Chief Compliance Officer who would be entrusted with coordinating with law enforcement agencies to ensure compliance with their orders or requisitions. Further, it must have in place an appropriate mechanism for receipt and resolution of grievances. The complainant must be able to track the status of the same using a unique ticket number. MeitY is responsibility of recognising all self-regulated bodies under the proposed framework.

How is the industry reacting?

Experts have welcomed the government's initiative to bring online gaming under a central regulation. This will help curb the menace of anti-national and illegal offshore gambling platforms, Roland Landers, CEO, All India Gaming Federation, industry body for online gaming told *The Hindu*. A uniform framework like this will increase investor confidence, Sai Srinivas, co-founder and CEO of mobile esports and digital gaming platform, Mobile Premier League, stated.

What are some of the concerns?

The rules still bucket all gaming intermediaries into a broad category irrespective of size or risk. They all require similar compliances, including the need to have India based officers. This can make it difficult for global players to start their services in India, Rohit Kumar, founding partner at The Quantum Hub Consulting, told *The Hindu*.

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To widen 600 metres of Ballari Road, BBMP fells over 50 trees in front of Palace Grounds gates

People had also objected to the widening of the road as a short-term solution and argued that it would not help in easing traffic in the long run

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The axed trees were located in front of gate numbers 9 to 4 of Palace Grounds. SUDHAKARA JAIN

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has axed over 50 grown trees on Ballari Road to widen the existing road from Cauvery Theatre junction to Mekhri Circle. The axed trees were located in front of gate numbers 9 to 4 of Palace Grounds, a well-known place for holding political rallies, exhibitions, marriages, and other functions. With the axing of trees, Bengaluru has lost one more stretch of the road.

The Deputy Commissioner of Forests of BBMP recently granted permission for axing trees following a request by the executive engineer of road infrastructure development (East zone), to widen the busy road that connects CBD areas with the northern part of the city.

In 2016, hundreds of people representing residents' welfare associations, NGOs, and others staged massive protests, opposing the steel flyover project between Chalukya Circle and the Hebbal flyover, which required felling of over 800 trees located on a 7-km stretch. Following stiff resistance, the project was later shelved in 2017.

Recently, citing traffic congestion in the area, the BBMP proposed to widen certain stretches of the road and build grade separators at Chalukya Circle, Windsor Manor junction, Cauvery Theatre junction, and Mekhri Circle.

It is said that in the first phase, the BBMP wants to widen the road for a distance of 600 metres by removing more than 50 trees coming on the way. While seeking permission to remove trees, the BBMP engineers identified 58 trees for removal. While giving permission, the DCF of BBMP allowed the removal of 54 trees.

To the public notice issued for removal of trees, the forest cell of the BBMP had received 50 objections and suggestions raising concern over loss of green cover and impact on the water bodies located inside the Palace Grounds.

People had also objected to the widening of 600 metres as a short-term solution and argued that it would not help in easing traffic in the long run. Suggestions were made to improve the public transport system to decongest roads and save trees.

Some have also alleged that the road widening project is a ploy to facilitate construction of a flyover project between Hebbal and Chalukya Circle in the future.

In its reply, the BBMP had maintained that earlier, there were proposals to widen the road from BDA Circle to Mekhri Circle and stretch of Jayamahal Road (from Mekhri Circle to Cantonment Station) by acquiring land in Palace Grounds.

But it was not feasible "on account of certain factors." Later, the project was redesigned to widen the road by restricting the currently available road width. The BBMP had maintained that earlier there were proposals to remove 172 trees for widening the road.

An official from the Road and Infrastructure Department, BBMP, said: "We have got a permission from the Forest Department of BBMP and the tree cutting is done to add two additional lanes to the stretch between Cauvery Theatre junction and Mekhri Circle which is known for traffic snarls".

Officials said that to compensate for the tree cutting, the civic body will plant 10 saplings and maintain it for three years.

But citizens are not convinced. Murali Krishna, who travels daily in city buses from Yelahanka to Majestic, said: "Years ago, well-grown trees were removed by the BBMP for widening Seshadri Road, Nrupathunga Road, and other roads. But now we can see traffic congestion on these roads. Widening of the road is a temporary relief. The government should encourage the public transport system to reduce the congestion instead of cutting green cover".

Anjan Gowda, a motorist, said: "The Ballari Road is notorious for traffic congestion during the peak hours. Whenever there are functions or rallies inside the Palace Grounds traffic, the condition worsens as hundreds of people use private vehicles to get inside the ground. Widening a stretch of road will not serve any purpose. This only shifts traffic from Mekhri Circle to Windsor Manor Bridge".

Delay in building flats: HC directs personal appearance of heads of BBMP and BDA

FROM THE COURT

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday directed the heads of the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and the Bangalore Development Authority to be personally present before the court on January 5, in connection with the issue of the non construction of flats at Ejipura for 1,512 families belonging to economically weaker sections (EWS) despite various earlier orders of the court.

A Division Bench, comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi, passed the order after the advocates representing the BBMP, the BDA and the private company passed the buck for the delay in construction of the flats.

"This court was expecting some progress in the matter as the petitioners are the victims of the unfortunate situation. In spite of the orders of this court and assurance given to this court by way of joint settlement, there is no further progress in the matter and today also the approach of the respondents seems to be the least to say is either shifting responsibility or to indulge in blame game," the Bench observed, while pointing out that in this situation it was left with no choice but to direct personal presence of the officials.

Girl's stabbing: Police book management of Presidency University for negligence

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A view of Presidency University.

The Rajanakunte police booked the management of Presidency University for negligence following the stabbing of Laya Smitha, 19, on the corridor of the university on Monday.

The accused, Pawan Kalyan, 21, a BCA student of another college, ventured into the college and called her out of the classroom to talk and stabbed her repeatedly, killing her on the spot, said the police.

The accused then stabbed himself in a attempt to end his life.

While Ms. Smitha, a BTech student, was rushed to a private hospital and declared brought dead, Pawan Kalyan is critical and responding to treatment, a police officer said.

The police are waiting for him to recover to question him to ascertain the cause of the attack.

On Tuesday, the police handed over the body of the victim to her family.

According to the police, a probe revealed that the duo was related and Pawan Kalyan was miffed that he was being ignored, and even blocked by the victim after he started harassing her.

Ms. Smitha, who stayed in a hostel close to the university, had gone to her hometown to celebrate the new year and returned to the college on Monday after visiting her cousin in K.R. Puram.

The family members vented their ire against the management for their negligent attitude in allowing outsiders on the campus and also for not informing them about the incident. They got to know about the attack, when the police called them around 3 p.m.

IMA case: Court confirms attachment of govt. school at Shivajinagar

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The special court set up to deal with cases under the Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments (KPIDFE) Act has confirmed the attachment of V.K. Obaidullah Government Urdu Medium Higher Primacy Boys School, Shivajinagar, made by the competent authority (CA) to recover deposit amounts in I-Monetary Advisory (IMA) Group scam case.

However, the court gave an option to the Education Department to retain the school property by depositing ₹12.82 crore by April 30 with the CA, failing which the CA can take further steps to dispose of the property to recover the amount due from IMA Group.

The court also made it clear that attachment would not affect the present academic activities in the school till April 30.

Shridhar Gopalakrishna Bhat, judge of the special court, passed the order on Monday, while allowing a petition filed by the CA seeking confirmation of the interim order of attachment of the school property.

The court accepted the contention of the CA that the IMA Council, a charitable trust, which had developed the school through a memorandum of understanding signed with the Education Department in 2016, had utilised the deposit amount collected by IMA Group from depositors.

The Education Department, which is the beneficiary of IMA's fund spent for construction of a four-storey new building, infrastructure, and maintenance between 2017-19, will have repay the amount, as the IMA had illegally diverted the amount collected from its depositors through the IMA Council to improve the school.

The students could be accommodated in the nearby schools and so also the teachers and employees working in the school, the court said.

Well into winter, BBMP sets up temporary shelters for homeless people

The Hindu Bureau
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A file photo of homeless people at a night shelter run by the BBMP near the KSR Bengaluru Railway Station in Bengaluru.

Well into winter, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to start temporary 24/7 shelter homes along with NGOs in various zones for urban homeless people.

According to officials, the BBMP has seven shelter homes in the city which are not enough to cater to the homeless population, especially during the winter, and hence the BBMP is setting up temporary shelter homes.

The BBMP will also conduct a survey by several non-government organisations (NGO) to identify the people who need the shelters. "Temporary shelters will come up within a few days in locations where the concentration of homeless is highest. The shelters will come up in rented buildings and will be an addition to the existing shelters," a senior BBMP official said.

In the long run, the civic body is also planning to set up more permanent shelter homes. "After the proper survey, we will decide to set up more permanent shelters in the city. We will set up shelter homes under the National Urban Livelihoods Mission (NULM)," the official added.

The BBMP is going to set up shelter homes based on the survey in all the eight zones and the NGO will be responsible for conducting the survey and setting up temporary shelter homes. According to the palike, the temporary shelter homes will have a shelter manager, caretakers, and supporting staff (as required).

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients (1). Sri. Naresh Kumar Mutha, S/o. Late Parasmal Mutha, & (2). Smt. Chandrakala, W/o. Naresh Kumar Mutha, are residing at No.28, V.S. Lane, Chikkapete Cross, Bengaluru - 560 053, have proposed to purchase the residential immovable property described in the schedule herein from its present owners (1). Sri, S. Amarish. S/o Sobhagmal, & (2). Smt. Veena, W/o. S. Amarish, residing at No.12, 'Narayanaswamy Iyengar Road', BBMP Ward No.27, Gandhinagara, SheshadriPuram, Bengaluru - 560 020, for valuable consideration. This Public notice is issued calling for objections in this regard for sale of the schedule property. Anyone having any claim, charge, litigation over the schedule property are hereby called upon to submit their written objection within 7 days from the date of this publication to the undersigned. In the event if there is no objection or claim is made out within the stipulated period my clients will Proceed further to purchase the schedule property through a registered document, considering that there is no objection or claim from anyone over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
(Description of the property to be purchased)

All that piece and parcel of residential immovable property bearing Municipal Corporation No.12, BBMP No.27-79-12, Ward No.27, Gandhinagara, Narayanaswamy Iyengar Road, SheshadriPuram, Bengaluru - 560 020, measuring East to West 38.5 Ft. and North to South 56.5 Ft. (totally measuring 2175.25 Sq. Ft.), consisting of Basement, Ground & First floor, marble flooring Jungle wood doors and windows, with all civic amenities and bounded on:-

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West by : Property bearing No.11 belonging to Srikanta Pandit
North by : Property bearing No.12A belonging to K.S.N. Babu
South by : Road.

(Together with existing right of common passage on the eastern side measuring East to west 11'6" and North to South 56'6")

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 04/01/2023

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It is hereby informed to the General Public that our client **Mrs. KAMALA RAMANA,** W/o Late G. K. Ramana, residing at Flat No. 305, Terrace Floor, Gangothri Apts, 12, Gangadhar Chetty Road, Bangalore-560042, has lost original Sale Deed, registered as Document No. 1465/1990-91 of Book-1, Volume-3007, Pages 102 to 114, dated 16-08-1990, in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore, in respect to the below mentioned Schedule Property and same is not traceable and it is irretrievably misplaced inspite of her best efforts and she has lodged a Complaint before the Jurisdictional Police Station of Halasur, Bangalore City Police, Bangalore on 02-01-2023 vide Lost Report No. 0432826/2022.

If anyone finds the above mentioned document, they are hereby requested to deliver the same to undersigned and if any person were to deal with the said Original title document in respect to the below mentioned Schedule Property other than our client, such transactions will not bind on her or the below mentioned Schedule Property and they will be doing so at their own risk and cost.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property bearing **Apartment No. 305, Terrace Floor,** in the residential building known as **Gangothri Apartment, having Municipal No. 12/17, BBMP PID No: 81-7-12/17, measuring 1800 Sq. Ft** of Super Built of Area, along with **One Covered Car Parking Space in the Basement of the Building together with 1/18th Undivided share in the land bearing No. 12, (Old No. 2/1), situated at Gangadhar Chetty Road, Division No. 78, Bangalore-560042.**

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Place: Bangalore Dated: 03-01-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public are hereby informed that, our client **Sri.Shankaralinge Gowda** has lost the original Sale dated 27-06-1991, registered as Document No.1726/1991-92, in respect of property bearing House list Nos.21 and 22, situated at **Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** while taking Xerox near Kumarans College at Muneshwara Nagar. If anybody found the said document please contact this Nos.9844155041 and 9620579310

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our Client **Mr. K. OMKAR** R/at: Flat.No.AS9, SVS COCO Grooves, A-Block, 19th B Cross, Thambu Chetty Palya Main Road, N.Vishveshvaraiah Nagar, Ramamurhty Nagar, Bengaluru 560016, is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **M/s. B.L.Kashyap & Sons Ltd, M/s. Shriprop Builders Private Limited & M/S. NEO DEVELOPERS.** Any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Plot No.P-0010,** East Facing, Measuring 1499.36 Sq feet (or) 139.29 Sq Mtrs (30' X 50'), Comprised in Sy.No.72/2, in the layout known as **"Shriram Earth",** Situated at :**Thubarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk** &bounded on the:-
East by : 914 Mtrs Wide Road; West by : Site. No. 2; North by :Site No.11; South by: Site No.09;

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This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our Client **Mr. KIRAN KUMAR M,** R/at: 21-130/10,MGB Gardens, T.Chavataalli, Santhapeta, Chittoor - 517004 is intending to purchase the Schedule Property from **M/s. B.L.Kashyap & Sons Ltd, M/s.Shriprop Builders Private Limited & M/S. NEO DEVELOPERS.** Any person/s objecting for said Purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which; our client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

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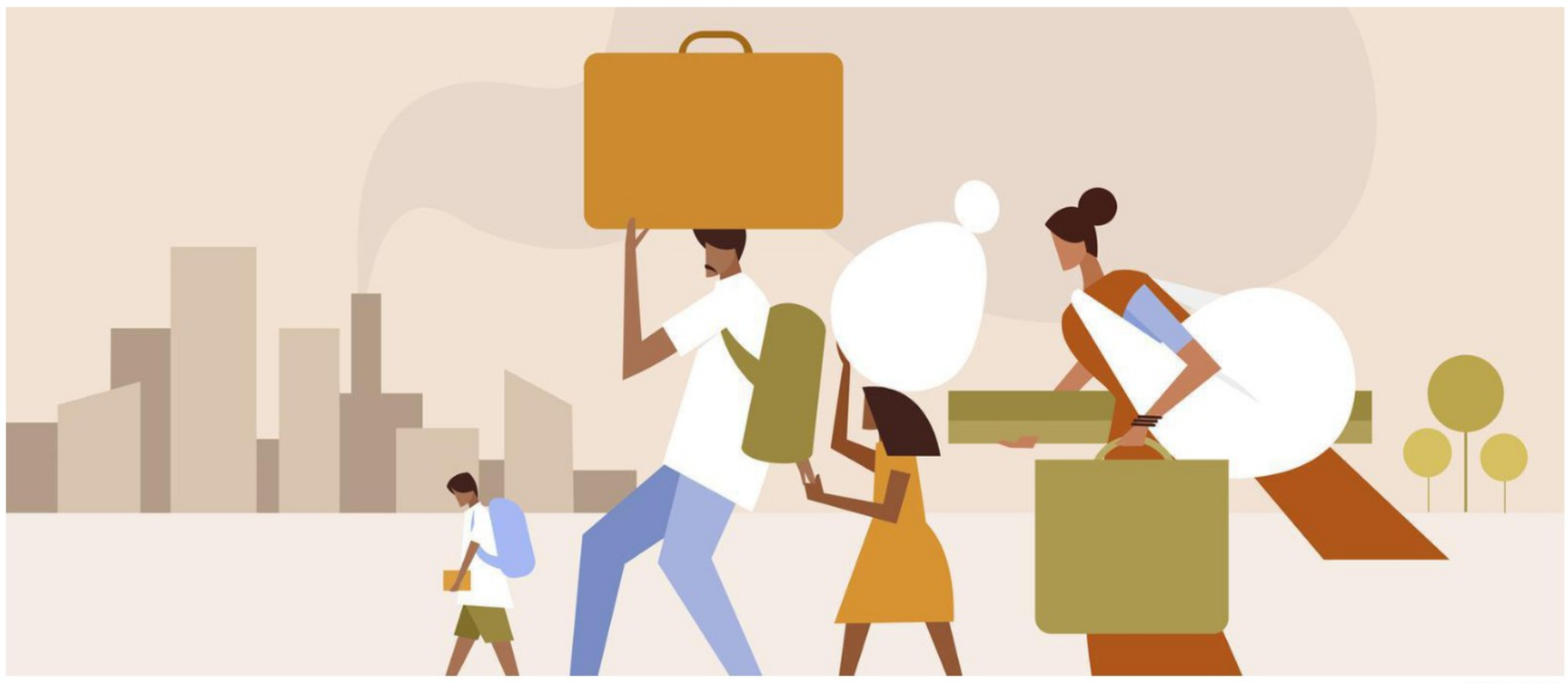

GETTY IMAGES

Recognition and redistribution: balancing identities and economic disparity

Nancy Fraser's dual perspective attempts to balance issues of cultural identity along with economic inequalities. However, her theory finds it difficult to grapple with the political dynamics of caste, as caste in India constitutes economic privileges as well

Moggallan Bharti

The political predicament following the collapse of the Soviet Union posed a unique challenge to political philosophers around the world. Besides the end of the Cold War and the decline of communism, the last decade of the 20th century also witnessed the end of apartheid in South Africa and the crucial and continuing unfolding of the neoliberal economic ordering of the Global South. Theorists such as Francis Fukuyama were already positing the period as the "end of history" – "end-point of mankind's ideological evolution and the universalisation of Western liberal democracy [and capitalism] as the final form of human government". Another remarkable development during these times was the underlining of the political significance of various 'cultural' identities like race, sexuality, gender and ethnicity which have been making claims to recognition of their political space. This went hand in hand with widening economic inequality due to the implementation of the neoliberal order.

Identity and economy

It is in this milieu that a novel theoretical perspective by Nancy Fraser (*New Left Review* 1995) contributed to the theory of justice by balancing both the issues of cultural identity, along with that of widening economic inequalities. Fraser, known for her philosophical work on the concepts of justice offered a dual perspective of 'Recognition and Redistribution' in order to correct the injustices in society. The recognitory aspect of Fraser's integrated theory of justice entails correcting the history of misrecognition and suffering caused to multitudes of people due to their cultural devaluation. Culture here is obviously imparted in a wider sense which covers varied social identities on the margins of a society. The redistributive aspect of Fraser's dual perspective aims at removing injustices rooted in the economic structure of the society, for example issues of exploitation, economic marginalisation and deprivation. For Fraser, only by connecting these two political problematics of recognition and redistribution was it possible to address the political demands of our age.

Other perspectives

Fraser, however, is not alone in her search for a critical framework connecting claims of culture and economics. There have been numerous attempts to theorise socioeconomic inequalities, chief among such work remains that of Iris Marion Young (1990) on the 'Politics of Difference' arguing for a "non-redistributive" theory of justice. However, it was Fraser who conceived and incorporated the two political faultlines emerging from the misrecognition or the cultural devaluation of people based on ethnicity, sex, gender, race or religion and that of maldistribution resulting in widening economic inequalities. This integrated justice theory attracted a good number of discussions within academia to grapple with such questions.

In a long and insightful exchange with philosopher Axel Honneth (2003), Fraser emphasised that claims of identity and that of class are not the case of either/or choice, but that they both form a single continuum for a justice theory of our time. The desired idea was to decenter the 'essentialism' inherent within the claims of cultural identity and to link it up with the equally important subject of economic hierarchy. For her justice is only possible when one is cognisant of oppression caused by social dominance and economic exploitation, both at once. Honneth on the other hand argued that 'recognition' itself covers the issue of maldistribution and can actually accommodate economic redistribution. He has maintained that it is the sphere of recognition which emanates most social suffering including that of economic status.

Looking at caste

We can actually apply these philosophers' perspectives closer home in order to understand the workings of the caste system. Fraser's dual perspective on India's social reality when applied presents itself as a singular political puzzle which could be addressed through the politics of social justice, where cultural devaluation and economic inequalities both have significant presences in the political context. India's caste hierarchy, however, is singularly unique when it comes to understanding social exploitation and economic marginalisation.

While Fraser's dual perspective certainly enables us to understand the politics of caste, it runs short in explaining political dynamics for the simple reason that unlike other cultural claims of oppressed people world over, caste in India goes a long way in constituting economic privileges too. Unlike the social prejudices against cultural claims of oppressed people elsewhere, caste is more foundational to Indian society as it has been normalised and accepted into the prevalent socio-religious norms otherwise known as Brahmanism. Hence, while in the political domain the dual perspective of recognition and redistribution certainly enables us to address the widening socioeconomic inequalities in India; in the domain of the social the two are knotted together in the prevailing social acceptance of caste and its attributes.

The fact that most of the political organisations marshalling politics of social justice are primarily led by Dalits, illustrates how caste affects different people differently. In other words, caste, while it does affect all of us, affects us differently. And the difference is vast enough to offset a united struggle against the social hierarchy that coheres well with the economic hierarchy.

Although affirmative and transformative legal actions as conceived by Fraser have long been thought of, debated and put into the constitutional frame of Indian polity way back in the middle of the 20th century, such measures couldn't arrest the issue of caste apartheid in India completely.

The need for representation

Fraser's framework is far reaching in understanding Indian politics which by and large orbits around the claims of caste assertion and its corresponding economic deprivation. Looking at the recent political struggles in the country, the salience of recognition can be unequivocally seen, which sometimes tends to obfuscate the politics of redistribution. Moreover, if the politics of recognition is being accommodated without the associated redistributive aspect, that is without addressing economic exploitation, chances are that cultural hegemony will invariably find its way into the political lexicon. Consequently, we will have a society which celebrates politics of recognition alone, and that too not the recognitory claims of the oppressed people but that of recognition as understood and celebrated by the dominant social forces. This is the current scenario in the post-Mandal dominant politics of north India.

The caste question definitely gains more clarity if understood with Fraser's perspective. However, the fact that the caste goes in making and disseminating economic hierarchies has presented a real problem for critical theorists in India. Perhaps anticipating similar predicaments, Fraser did add the third aspect of representation to her dual model (2004). This idea of representation has been a quintessential axis of Ambedkar's philosophy of annihilating caste which is foundational to Indian politics and society.

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THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The Burj Khalifa, known for being the world's tallest building, opened to the public on January 4, 2010. Here is a quiz on some of the tallest structures from across the world

Sindhu Nagaraj

QUESTION 1

This is a 678.9 metre tall skyscraper. The building's name is inspired by its proximity to a stadium in the city. It loosely translates to 'independence' in English. Identify the structure. Where is it located?

QUESTION 2

This was the world's tallest structure at 646.38 metre from 1974 until its collapse in 1991. This structure was conceived for height and the ability to broadcast the "propaganda of the successes" to remote areas such as Antarctica. Name the structure.

QUESTION 3

Ostankino Tower is the tallest free-standing structure in Europe. This was built to mark a special event. Name the event. Christian Riedl, an athlete is associated with the building. What is he known for?

QUESTION 4

When this tower opened in 1973, it held the title of the world's tallest building for 25 years. Originally known as Sears Tower, what is it called now? Where is it located?

QUESTION 5

This is the world's third-tallest building by height to the architectural top. It shares the record of having the world's highest observation deck within a building or structure at 562 m. The building is the tallest of the world's first triple-adjacent supertall buildings. Name all three buildings.

Visual question:
Identify this structure. Name the aquarium located in the building.

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The American genius after whom Pele was named. **Ans: Thomas Alva Edison; Edson Arantes do Nascimento was Pele's full name**
2. Pele won the World Cup these three years. **Ans: 1958, 1962, and 1970**
3. Pele played for this club till 1974. **Ans: Santos Futebol Clube (Santos)**
4. Pele represented this club when he came to India to showcase his skills. **Ans: New York Cosmoss**
5. Pele's nickname 'Perola Negra' featured in this Hindi comedy classic. **Ans: *Gol Maal***
6. The importance of November 19, 1969 in Pele's career. **Ans: He scored his 1000th goal at first-class level**
7. Pele said that this player "only shoots with one leg, only has one skill, and doesn't head the ball well". **Ans: Lionel Messi**
Visual: This film features Pele. **Ans: *Escape to Victory***

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Mr. R. Balasubramaniam of Madras wants to know whether it is 'consequent/upon' or 'consequent to.'"

"It is 'consequent upon' and not 'consequent to.'

Consequent upon his resignation, there was a cabinet reshuffle.

He resigned consequent upon his disagreement with the boss.

'Subsequent' is followed by 'to.'

Subsequent to his resignation, there was a cabinet reshuffle.

Subsequent to his arrival, there was a commotion at the airport.

So please remember that it is 'consequent upon' and 'subsequent to.'"

"Mr. C. U. Narahari Rao of Bangalore wants to know whether there should be a full stop after 'Messrs.'"

"There should be a full stop after 'Messrs.'"

"Mr. S. Chandramouli of Mayiladuthurai wants to know the meaning of 'French Leave.'"

"When you leave your place of work without permission, your boss may ask you why you had taken 'French leave.' The expression is from the eighteenth century French custom of leaving a social function without saying goodbye to the host or hostess. The idea was that one should leave the party quietly without disturbing others. Now 'French leave' means leave taken without permission.

He took French leave to attend the cricket match."

"Mr. Mani Natarajan of Madras wants to know whether it is 'turn over a new leaf or 'turn a new leaf.'"

"Both are correct. It is an idiom which means 'to change one's behaviour for the better,' 'make a new and better start'.

After his failure in his examination, he turned over a new leaf to the surprise and joy of his parents."

"Mr. D. Antoniswamy of Thalathera wants to know the meaning of the expression 'ad hoc.'"

" 'Ad hoc' is Latin and it means 'to this end,' 'for this purpose.' It is an arrangement to deal with a particular situation, it is not based on any principle.

The Vice-Chancellor has appointed an ad hoc committee to deal with student indiscipline.

The staff are very unhappy over ad hoc appointments; they feel that appointments should be made by a properly constituted selection committee.

The institution got an ad hoc grant recently.

The 'a' in 'ad hoc' is pronounced like the 'a' in 'man' and 'hoc' rhymes with 'lock.'"

Word of the day

Aver:
report or maintain; to declare or affirm solemnly and formally as true (used as a verb)

Synonyms:
swear, affirm, assert, verify, allege

Usage: *He averred that the experiments were for scientific purposes*

Pronunciation: bit.ly/averpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /əˈvəː/

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The 'science' behind choosing the induction day

When big corporates recruit a huge number of people, there are some days in the week that are just not suitable for rolling out the red carpet to the new talent

Liffy Thomas

There is a time for everything under the sun – that holds good for the formal induction of new hires too. In the corporate world, the days of the week are rated for their favourability as induction day. Before assessing each day's status, a reminder that the induction in question is massive in its scale – dozens or hundreds or thousands of new employees being brought into the organisational fold. Therefore, those big corporates have systems that resemble auto pilot and one of them is the choice of the day.

Corporates are on the same page – song sheet, if you like – as the Bangles about Monday. It is "Manic Monday" – universally, well almost. And babysitting dozens of new hires is the last thing senior managers and team members would want on a day when they themselves are struggling to kickstart the new week. Besides, studies shore up the view that on Mondays, motivation levels are bound to be at a low ebb.

Kanupriya Manchanda, VP - People, InfoBeans Technologies notes that the kind of experience that you want to create for the new recruits on the first day is not what you get on a Monday.

She swears by a mid-week induction exercise. "We have found out that having the formal induction exercise on the Wednesday of the first week of joining, gives the new recruits the advantage of a settling-in period," says Kanupriya.

Kanupriya observes the induction exercise usually spans three days. The first day – which is grandly labelled the Induction Day – is about getting acquainted with the teams and the individuals that make up those teams. The second day is meant for project orientation; and the third just for chilling out, with a party or two thrown in for good measure. A mid-week induction of this kind would end on a Friday, and it would segue well into the weekend. It makes better sense to have the parties just before the new hires break for the weekend, elaborates Kanupriya.

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Earlier, InfoBeans Technologies would begin to onboard new recruits on a Monday, and after waking up to the afore-explained wisdom, they swear by Wednesday.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are said to be the most favoured days for an induction exercise, because these are the days when personnel of various business verticals are most likely to be available to the new recruits. Their availability is crucial for the induction exercise, as it involves getting acquainted with the company policies, culture and management.

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ANAROCK Property Consultants favours Wednesday and Thursday for the same reason listed above. Besides, Thursday is – barring Friday – the closest to the weekend when professional relationships can be firmed up in social settings. Since 2019, NTT Data Payment Services India, has been maintaining Tuesday as induction day with the batch size varying between 15 and 20 employees. At TheMathCompany, which has more than 2000 employees globally, Monday and Thursday are the sought-after days for induction – their exercise can extend up to four days. Although a good number of employees work remotely, new joinees are inducted in person at its office in Bengaluru. As new hires are associated with a variety of functions, onboarding is restricted to a maximum of 20 people so that people get to know each other and not just the roles.

The induction programme ends at a huge dining table, where the CEO has lunch with the new recruits.

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ख	फ्लीट सिंगल प्वाइंट ऑफ कॉन्टैक्ट (एसपीओसी) (कॉम्प्लेक्स कार्यालय) Fleet Single Point of Contact (SPOC) (Complex Office)	बेंगलूर, लखनऊ Bangalore, Lucknow	VI	6
ग	प्रबंधक (ग्राहक सेवा) (कॉम्प्लेक्स कार्यालय) Manager (Customer Service) (Complex Office)	बेंगलूर, लखनऊ, नासिक Bangalore, Lucknow, Nasik	IV	6
घ	अभियंता (ग्राहक सेवा) (कॉम्प्लेक्स कार्यालय) Engineer (Customer Service) (Complex Office)	बेंगलूर, लखनऊ, नासिक Bangalore, Lucknow, Nasik	II	14

विस्तृत विज्ञापन एवं चयन प्रक्रिया के लिए कृपया एचएएल की वेबसाइट **www.hal-india.co.in** देखें। आवेदन प्रस्तुत करने की अंतिम तिथि **31.01.2023** है। शुद्धि पत्र / परिशिष्ट, यदि कोई होगा, तो उसे केवल एचएएल की वेबसाइट पर ही प्रदर्शित किया जाएगा।

For detailed Advertisement and Selection Procedure please visit **www.hal-india.co.in**. Last date for applying is **31.01.2023**. Corrigendum / Addendum, if any, will be hosted on HAL Website only.

CHENNAI METRO RAIL LIMITED
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of Tamil Nadu)
METROS, Anna Salai, Nandanam, Chennai - 600 035, INDIA

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION No: CMRL/HR/CON&DEP/01/2023 dated 04-01-2023

CMRL invites applications from qualified & experienced personnel for appointment of GM (S & T) post on Deputation / Contract basis: -

Post Code	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Min. Exp. (Yrs.)
01	GM (S & T)	01	20

Note:

i. Please refer the detailed employment notification published in CMRL website vide URL: **https://chennaimetrorail.org** for further information.

ii. Last date for receipt of application is **18.02.2023.**

DIPR/ 003 /DISPLAY/2023 **Additional General Manager (HR).**

" சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

Raviz Hotels
An RP Group Concern, Kovalam
RAVIZ HOTELS & RESORTS

REQUIRES

The Following Project Management Team

PROJECT MANAGER – 1 Post (on contract)

The Applicant shall be qualified Civil Engineer with at least 20 years' experience out of which 10 years in independent charge of handling 5 Star Hotel Projects.
Age Limit : 45 years. Posting will be in Trivandrum / Kovalam.

PROJECT ENGINEER – Civil: 1 Post (on contract); Electrical: 1 Post (on contract)

The applicant shall be qualified Engineer with at least 15 years experience out of which 10 years in handling 5 Star Hotel Projects.
Age Limit : 45 years. Posting will be in Trivandrum/ Kovalam.

OFFICE SECRETARY – 1 Post

The applicant should have at least 10 years experience in handling secretarial work and administration of operations in a medium or large firm.
Age Limit: 35 years. Posting will be in Trivandrum / Kovalam

Apply to :
The Manager, General Affairs, R.P. Group, Kovalam
Email: jayaprakash@theraviz.com
Mobile: 90749 97354

MEPCO SCHLENK Engineering College
(AUTONOMOUS)
Mepco Engineering College Post - 626 005 SIVAKASI
Virudhunagar Dt., Tamilnadu. Tel : 04562-235104; Fax : 235111
Email : msec@mepcoeng.ac.in Web : www.mepcoeng.ac.in

WANTED Assistant Professors / Associate Professors

Discipline	Qualification
CIVIL	Ph.D.(or) M.E. / M.Tech in Environmental Engg. / Transportation Engg./ GeoTechnical Engg. / Remote sensing & GIS with B.E. / B.Tech. in Civil Engg.
CSE & AIDS	Ph.D. (or) M.E. / M.Tech in CSE with B.E. / B.Tech. in CSE
IT	Ph.D. (or) M.Tech in IT with B.Tech. in Information Technology
Bio-Med	Ph.D. (or) M.E. / M.Tech in Bio-Medical Engineering with B.E. / B.Tech in Bio-Medical Engineering
B-Arch	B.Arch. with M.Arch. & Ph.D (Desirable) in Architecture
Physics	Ph.D. (or) M.Sc., M.Phil., in Physics
Physical Training Instructress	M.P.Ed., (Lady Candidate Preferred)
Physical Trainer	B.P.Ed., (Lady Candidate Preferred)

Refer College Website for Eligibility and other details
Applications in the prescribed format should reach us **within SEVEN days**
Form can be downloaded from our website. **CORRESPONDENT**

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TIRUPATI
भारतीय प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान तिरुपति
TIRUPATI Yerpedu - Venkatagiri Road, Yerpedu Post, Tirupati District, A.P-517619

Advt. No. IITT/Staff RMT/01/2023 03 January, 2023

RECRUITMENT NOTIFICATION FOR THE POST OF REGISTRAR

Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, an Institute of National Importance invites **ONLINE** applications from Indian Nationals for recruitment to the post of **Registrar** at Pay Level-14, on Direct Recruitment basis or Deputation. For further details / information regarding qualification, experience, job responsibility, general instructions and submission of online application etc., please visit the institute website: **https://iittp.ac.in/recruitment**.
Eligible candidates may apply through ONLINE mode only.
Start date of submission of online Application Form : 05 Jan 2023
Last date of submission of online Application Form : 31 Jan 2023, 5 PM

Registrar

सेन्ट्रल मैन्युफैक्चरिंग टेक्नोलॉजि इंस्टिट्यूट
CENTRAL MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY INSTITUTE
Tumkur Road, Bengaluru – 560 022
(An Autonomous R&D Institute under Ministry of Heavy Industries, Govt. of India)

Advt No: 09/2022

RECRUITMENT OF SCIENTISTS

Central Manufacturing Technology Institute (CMTI) is a Research & Development Organisation focusing on providing 'Technology Solutions' to the Manufacturing Sector and assisting Technological Growth in the Country. CMTI plays a key role in Applied Research, Design and Development of Machines, Manufacturing Process Technology offering value added technical services and imparting training.

CMTI is currently looking for outstanding Graduates, Post Graduates and Doctorates with consistent good academic record and aptitude for Research & Development and are committed towards Technology development upto TRL 6-8.

Sl No.	Designation	No. of Posts	Pay Matrix (7th CPC)	Upper Age Limit
1.	Scientist – B	13 (7-UR, 3-OBC, 2-SC, 1-EWS)	Level 10 (Rs. 56,100-1,77,500)	32
2.	Scientist – C	05	Level – 11 (Rs. 67,700 – 2,08,700)	35
3.	Scientist – D		Level – 12 (Rs. 78,800 – 2,09,200)	40

The detailed advertisement, terms and conditions and instruction to the candidates are available on CMTI website. Candidates who fulfill all the criteria regarding qualifications and experience may apply through the online application available at **www.cmti.res.in/ www.applytocmti.in.** After successful submission of online application, the candidates are requested to submit the hard copy of online application along with application fee and photocopy of all relevant certificates to: "The Chief Administrative Officer", Central Manufacturing Technology Institute, Tumkur Road, Bengaluru - 560022. All further announcements/details pertaining to this recruitment process / corrigendum / addendum etc., shall be published/provided ONLY on **www.cmti.res.in** from time to time.

Date of Commencement of Online Applications : 06.01.2023
Last date for receipt of Online Applications : 05.02.2023
Last date for receipt of Hardcopy of Application : 21.02.2023

Sd/-
(Chief Administrative Officer)

POWER up your career in MINING

NTPC Limited is India's largest integrated energy company with installed capacity of 70,874 MW and has presence in the entire value chain of the power generation business. Commensurate with our country's growth challenges, NTPC has embarked upon an ambitious plan to attain a total installed capacity of 130 GW by 2032. NTPC also owns 07 allotted Coal Blocks with a future capacity of 100 MTA.

NTPC is looking for General Manager (Mining) as per details given below:

Name of Post: **General Manager (Mining) – 07 Posts (E8 Level)**

Qualification: Graduate in Mining Engineering from a recognized University/ Institution with First Class Mine Manager's Certificate of coal.

Experience Profile: Minimum 23 years of post-qualification experience in the executive cadre in relevant area in a Govt./ Public Sector Undertaking or private company of repute. Should have experience in mine planning, project implementation and operation & maintenance of Coal Mining Project (preferably open cast mine). The candidate should have given significant contribution in development of mines (preferably open cast mine) starting from green field project to operation of mine. Should have expertise in dealing with Govt. officials for getting various clearances for developing mines.

Experience Requirement: Minimum 23 years of post-qualification experience in the executive cadre in the relevant area in a Govt./Public Sector Undertaking or Private company of repute, out of which atleast 08 years' experience in the post and scale of Rs. 1,00,000 – 2,60,000 or above (IDA pay scale effective from 01.01.2017) or equivalent level/post profile.

Upper Age Limit: 55 Years

How to Apply: Interested eligible candidates should log on to our website **careers.ntpc.co.in** or visit careers section at **www.ntpc.co.in** for viewing full text of the advertisement and for applying. Only online mode of application will be accepted.

IMPORTANT DATES: **Commencement of online application: 06.01.2023** | **Last date for online application: 20.01.2023**

Any further addendum/corrigendum/updates will only be published on our website.

एनटीपीसी NTPC **NTPC Limited** (A Govt. of India Enterprise) Leading the Power Sector
NTPC Bhawan, SCOPE Complex, 7, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003

Advt. No.- 01/23

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AMET UNIVERSITY
(Deemed to be University Under Section 3 of UGC Act 1956)
NAAC A

IMMEDIATE REQUIREMENT

Applications are invited from the eligible and experienced applicants for the following positions :

Asst. Professors / Associate Professors / Professors
For the Department of AMET Business School, Naval Architecture and Offshore Engineering, Computer Science Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering and Mathematics. Experience and Qualification as per UGC / AICTE norms. Faculty who have Industry experience is preferable.

Captain and Chief Engineer
The applicants shall be a holder of COC as Master (FG) for Nautical Science and MEO Class I for Marine Engineering.

Lab Instructor - 1
Completed B.E. Naval Architecture and Offshore Engineering.

Softskill and Placement Trainer - 4
Any Degree with excellent spoken and written skills looking for trainers who can transform the students and get them placed.

IELTS Trainer - 4
Experienced in BEC, IELTS and TOEFL trainers.

Proctor - 1
Recently retired Defense Officers with Commissioned Ranks shall apply.

Security Advisor - 1
Recently retired Police Officers at ranks such as DC, SP, DSP shall apply.

Asst. Security Officer - 1
Recently retired Inspectors or Sub Inspectors of Police shall apply.

Fulltime Female Warden - 2
Experience in Hostel Administration.

Staff Nurse - 1 M + 1 F

Eligible and interested candidates shall apply within **15.01.2023** to the **registrar@ametuniv.ac.in** with detailed profile and supporting documents. - Registrar

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CIAL DUTYFREE AND RETAIL SERVICES LIMITED

Advt.No: CDRSL/HR-R/2022/12/Adv-01 Date: 04/01/2023

CIAL DUTYFREE AND RETAIL SERVICES LIMITED (CDRSL), a wholly owned public limited subsidiary company of Cochin International Airport Ltd (CIAL), invites applications for the following positions:

Sl No.	Post	No. of Vacancies
1	**Junior Manager**	4

Candidates are required to submit applications **online**. Interested candidates are advised to visit the official website of the Company **www.cochindutyfree.com** for detailed notification. *Qualification criteria, Pay package, Service conditions and guidelines for online registration/ submission of applications* are available in the website. Candidates may ensure their eligibility before applying online. Submission of application printout or hard copy is not required.

Opening Date for online submission of Application : 04.01.2023
Closing Date for online submission of Application : 24.01.2023

CDRSL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason thereof, at its discretion.

(Sd/-) MANAGING DIRECTOR

Quack who cheated senior citizen arrested

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 55-year-old quack was among three people the Wilson garden police arrested on Tuesday for allegedly posing as an Ayurvedic doctor and cheating a businessman of ₹8 lakh promising treatment.

The accused used to move around temples and public places, befriend senior citizens, and introduce them to "the best Ayurvedic doctor" administering non-invasive and painless therapies.

The accused had met the father of Pankaj Rathod, a businessman residing in Shantinagar, and referred him to Mallik.

The accused, when contacted, promised to cure the infection and took ₹8 lakh and escaped, said the police. Based on the complaint, the police tracked down Dr. Mallik, whose original name is Mohammed Sameen from Rajasthan, along with his relatives Saif, 25, and Mohammed Rais, 55.

Karnataka Digital Economy Mission (KDEM)
An initiative of the Dept of IT, BT and S&T, GoK
Email : gm.admin@karnatakadigital.in

EOI code : KDEM/EOI/01/2022-23 Date : 02 Jan 2023

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

KDEM, the implementation agency, invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from accelerators from Bengaluru and incubators/accelerators from Beyond Bengaluru regions (Mysuru, Mangaluru and Hubbali-Dharwad-Belagavi) for establishment of Karnataka Acceleration Network.

Last date of application: **16 Jan 2023**

Scope of work and details available at **www.karnatakadigital.in**

Application to be submitted to **gm.admin@karnatakadigital.in**

निदेशालय होम्योपैथिक चिकित्सा सेवायें, उत्तराखण्ड

पत्रांकः 920/नि०हो०/निविदा-1091/2022-23 दिनांक 02 जनवरी, 2023

-: ई० निविदा सूचना :-

उत्तराखण्ड राज्य में स्थापित राजकीय होम्योपैथिक चिकित्सालयों, राष्ट्रीय स्वास्थ्य मिशन के अन्तर्गत स्थापित चिकित्सालयों, आर०सी०एच० एवं त्वचा रोग केन्द्रों के लिये औषधि क्रय किये जाने हेतु निदेशालय की ई० निविदा सूचना संख्या-770, दिनांक 16.11.2022 तथा ई० निविदा सूचना संख्या-840, दिनांक 12.12.2022 को निरस्त कर पुनः भारत सरकार, राज्य सरकार (सरकारी/अर्द्ध सरकारी/स्टेट फार्मेसी/स्टेट को-ऑपरेटिव फर्मों तथा सार्वजनिक/निजी क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों से ऑनलाईन निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। निविदा की शर्तें, निविदा फॉर्म एवं अनुबन्ध आदि की विस्तृत जानकारी एन0आई0सी0 की वैबसाइट **www.uktenders.gov.in** पर लॉगइन कर प्राप्त की जा सकती है।

(डा० जे०एल० फिरमाल) निदेशक (प्र०)।

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BANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

NOTIFICATION

BEFORE THE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,
No.16, C-1, MILLERS TANK BED AREA, VASANTHANAGAR, BENGALURU– 560 052

No. BESCOM/D(F)/DGM(RA)/BC-19/F-1001/ **Dated: 04.01.2023**

IN THE MATTER OF:

An Application for approval of Truing up of FY-22, Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) & Expected Revenue from Charges (ERC) for Wire and Supply Business for FY-24 and Retail Supply Tariff for FY-24 of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM), Bengaluru-01 under Section 27 of the Karnataka Electricity Reform Act, 1999 and under Section 61 & 62 of Electricity Act, 2003, read with relevant KERC (Tariff) Regulations including KERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Distribution and Retail sale of electricity) Regulations 2006 and MYT Order No. D/01/6, Dated 31.05.2006.

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM),
K R Circle, Bengaluru-560 001 ..... PETITIONER

N O T I C E

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM), has filed a Petition before the Hon'ble Commission for Truing up of FY-22, Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) & Expected Revenue from Charges (ERC) for Wire and Supply Business for FY-24 and Retail Supply Tariff for FY-24 under Section 27 of the Karnataka Electricity Reform Act, 1999 and under Section 61 & 62 of Electricity Act, 2003, read with relevant KERC (Tariff) Regulations including KERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff for Distribution and Retail sale of electricity) Regulations 2006 and MYT Order No. D/01/6, Dated 31.05.2006. The details of ERC filing are as under

1. NEED FOR REVISION:

A revenue deficit arises due to mismatch between Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) and Revenue Receipts from existing tariff of BESCOM as detailed below:

Rs. in Crore

Year	Revenue Receipts	Revenue Requirement	Revenue Deficit
2021-22*	21605.90	22069.83	463.93
2023-24**	26180.62	30614.09	4433.47

* Proposed for True up
** Modified estimate with FY-22 deficit carried forward

Based on the above ARR, the estimated Average Cost of Supply of power is more than the Average Rate of Realization as detailed below:

Amount in Rs.

Year	Average Cost of Supply	Average Rate of Realization	Deficit
2023-24	10.11	8.65	1.46

Hence, the revision in tariff is required. BESCOM plans to recover Rs. 4433.47 Crs. in FY-24 from the proposed revision of Tariff.

2. PROPOSED TARIFF INCREASE: Estimated deficit/profit of FY-23 will be considered at the time of Truing up of FY-23. The deficit up to FY-22 and estimated deficit for FY-24 of Rs. 4433.47 Crs is proposed to be recovered by Tariff increase. The tariffs applicable to various categories of consumers are as shown in Annexure-1.
3. Ready Reckoner showing the monthly bill as per existing tariff and bill as per the proposed tariff for different categories of consumers is shown as Annexure-2. Application filed before Commission is also available at all O&M Circle Offices (Offices of the Superintending Engineers, (Ele), C, O&M, Bangalore (North), Bangalore (South), Bangalore (East), Bangalore (West), Bangalore (Rural), Tumkur, Kolar, Davanagere and Ramanagara) and BESCOM, Corporate Office, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru – 560 001.
4. Pursuant to Regulation-5 of KERC (Tariff) Regulations 2000, it is hereby notified that the persons who are interested in filing their objections to the above petition may file the same with the Receiving Officer, O/o the Secretary, Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission, No.16, C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasantha Nagar, Bengaluru-560 052, along with the documents on which they want to rely upon, in six sets, duly supported by an affidavit within thirty days from the date of first publication of this Tariff Notification and also indicate whether they want to be heard in person. A copy of the objection may be marked to Director (Finance), Second Floor, Belaku Bhavana, Corporate office, BESCOM, K.R.Circle, Bangalore-560 001 for furnishing replies to the objections.
5. For reference of those who are interested, copies of the petition are available for inspection at all Circle Offices (Offices of the Superintending Engineers (Ele) (C, O&M), Bangalore (North), Bangalore (South), Bangalore (East), Bangalore (West), Bangalore (Rural), Tumkur, Kolar, Davanagere and Ramanagara).
6. They may also obtain copies of the required portion of the petition by paying photocopying charges.
7. Further, full set of petition together with supporting material will also be made available to the interested persons by the Superintending Engineer Ele., of C,O&M Circles as in para 5, on payment of Rs. 400/- and the same is also available for sale at BESCOM Corporate Office, K.R.Circle, Bengaluru – 560001.
8. The soft copy of the ERC/Tariff application can be viewed on the website of BESCOM **(https://bescom.karnataka.gov.in/)**.

For Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited
Sd/-
Director (Finance)
K.R.Circle, Bengaluru-560001

Existing Tariff and Proposed Tariff
ANNEXURE-1

FY - 24

Sl. No.	Tariff Category	Type of installation	Existing				Proposed	
			Particulars	Rs			Particulars	Rs
LT								
1	LT 1	Bhagya Jyoti / Kutir Jyothi	Minimum charges per installation	70	LT 1	Bhagya Jyoti /Kutir Jyothi	Minimum charges per installation	70
			8.70 paise per unit subject to a monthly minimum of Rs. 70 per installation per month. **Note: GoK has to pay subsidy in advance to provide free power supply to these categories. In case of non release of the subsidy in advance, CDT of Rs. 8.70 per unit subject to monthly minimum of Rs. 70/- per installation per month shall be demanded and collected from these Consumers.**	8.70			"995 paise per unit subject to a monthly minimum of Rs. 70 per installation per month. Note: GoK has to pay subsidy in advance to provide free power supply to these categories. In case of non release of the subsidy in advance, CDT of Rs. 9.95 per unit subject to monthly minimum of Rs. 70/- per installation per month shall be demanded and collected from these Consumers."	9.95
2	LT 2(a): Domestic Lighting / Combined Lighting, All Electric Homes (AEH) Non-com Light-Heating & motive power Govt. hospital & Hostel for aged & destitute and handicapped	LT-2(a)(i):Applicable to areas coming under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Municipal Corporation and all areas coming under Urban Local Bodies.	**Fixed charges/month**	**Rs**	LT 2(a): Domestic Lighting / Combined Lighting, All Electric Homes (AEH) Non-com Light-Heating & motive power Govt. hospital & Hostel for aged & destitute and handicapped	"Applicable to all areas coming under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Municipal Corporation, Urban Local Bodies and Village Panchayats.		
			First KW	100			**Fixed charges/month**	Rs
			For every additional KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW	110			First KW	150
			For every additional KW above 50KW	175			For every additional KW up to and inclusive of 50KW	300
			Energy Charges (Rs/units) for units consumed in a month				For every additional KW above 50 KW	460
			For 0-50 units	4.15				
			51 to 100 units	5.60			**Energy Charges (Rs/units) for units consumed in a month**	
			101 to 200 units	7.15			For 0-50 units	3.60
			Above 200 units	8.20			0-100 units	5.40
		LT-2(a)(ii): Applicable to areas under Village Panchayats	**Fixed charges/month**	**Rs**			0 to > 100 units	7.00
			For the first KW	85			A rebate of 25 paise per unit in energy charges is provided for the consumers of village panchayats.	
			For every additional KW upto and inclusive of 50 KW	100				
			For every additional KW above 50KW	160				
			Energy Charges (Rs./u) for units consumed in a month					
			For 0-50 units	4.05				
			51 to 100 units	5.30				
			101 to 200 units	6.85				
			Above 200 units	7.70				
3	LT 2(b) Private Professional educational institutions including aided & unaided, Nursing Homes and Private Hospitals with lighting or combined lighting & heating and motive power	LT-2(b)(i) : Applicable to areas coming under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Municipal Corporation and all areas coming under Urban Local Bodies.	**Fixed charges/month**	**Rs**	LT 2(b) Private Professional educational institutions including aided & unaided, Nursing Homes and Private Hospitals with lighting or combined light-ing & heating and motive power	"Applicable in BBMP Areas, Municipal Corporations, all other Urban Local Bodies and Village Panchayats."		
			Rs.120 Per KW subject to a minimum of Rs.150/ installation per Month up to and inclusive of 50KW	120			**Fixed Charges per Month**	**Rs**
			Rs.175 per KW for every additional KW above 50KW	175			Rs.230 per KW subject to a minimum of Rs.260/ installation per Month up to and inclusive of 50KW	230
			PLUS				Rs.310 per KW for every additional KW above 50KW	310
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)				**Energy Charges**	
			0-200 units	7.35			all units	7.50
			Above 200 units	8.60			A rebate of 50 paise per unit in energy charges is provided for the consumers of village panchayats.	
		LT-2(b)(ii): Applicable in areas under village panchayat	**Fixed charges/month**	**Rs**				
			Rs.110 Per KW subject to a minimum of Rs.135 per month up to and inclusive of 50KW	110				
			Rs.165 per KW for every additional KW above 50KW	165				
			PLUS					
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)					
			0- 200 units	6.80				
			Above 200 units	8.05				
4	LT 3 Commercial Lighting, Heating and motive power, Private Hospitals, Clinics, IT Enabled Services, IT based Medical Transcription centers, X-ray Units, Shops, Hotels, etc. as in the existing tariff	LT-3(i): Applicable to areas coming under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Municipal Corporation and all areas coming under Urban Local Bodies.	**Fixed charges/month**	**Rs**	LT 3 Commercial Lighting, Heating and motive power, Private Hospitals, Clinics, IT Enabled Services, IT based Medical Transcription centers, X-ray Units, Shops, Hotels, etc. as in the existing tariff	"Applicable in BBMP Areas, Municipal Corporations, all other Urban Local Bodies and Village Panchayats."		
			125 per KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW	125			**Fixed charges/month**	**Rs**
			230 per KW for every additional KW above 50KW	230			260 per KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW	260
			PLUS				360 per KW for every additional KW above 50KW	360
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)					
			For 0-50 units	8.40			**Energy Charges**	
			Above 50 units	9.40			all units	7.70
			Demand Based Tariff (Optional) where sanctioned load is above 5kW but below 150kW				A rebate of 50 paise per unit in energy charges is provided for the consumers of village panchayats.	
			Fixed charges up to and inclusive of 50 kw	140			**Demand Based Tariff (Optional) where sanctioned load is above 5kW but below 150kW**	
			Fixed charges for every additional KW above 50 KW	245			Fixed charges up to and inclusive of 50 kW	280
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)				Fixed charges for every additional KW above 50 kW	490
			For the first 50 Units	8.40			**Energy Charges (Rs./u)**	
			For the balance units	9.40			all units	7.70
		LT-3(ii): Applicable in areas under village panchayat	**Fixed charges/month**	**Rs**				
			115 per KW up to and inclusive of 50 KW	115				
			220 per KW for every additional KW above 50KW	220				
			PLUS					
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)					
			For 0- 50 Units	7.90				
			Above 50 units	8.90				
			Demand Based Tariff (Optional) where sanctioned load is above 5KW but below 150KW					
			Fixed charges up to and inclusive of 50 KW	130				
			Fixed charges/month for every additional KW above 50 KW	235				
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)					
			For the first 50 Units	7.90				
			For the balance units	8.90				
5	LT 4: IP sets (10 HP & below) Agriculture IP sets, including sprinklers, Agricultural IP set (10 HP & below), IP Sets used in Nurseries of forest and horticulture depts., Grass, Plantation other than Coffee, Tea, and private horticulture, nurseries, category	LT-4a: Applicable to Agriculture Pump sets upto & inclusive of 10 HP fed from RURAL FEEDERS- Till the meters are fixed:	**Fixed Charges Rs / HP**	**Free as per GoK order**	LT 4: IP sets (10 HP & below) Agriculture IP sets, including sprinklers, Agricultural IP set (10 HP & below), IP Sets used in Nurseries of forest and horticulture depts., Grass, Plantation other than Coffee, Tea, and private horticulture, nurseries, categoory	LT-4a: Applicable to I.P. Sets up to and inclusive of 10 HP.	**Fixed Charges Rs / HP**	**Free as per GoK order**
			Energy Charges (Rs/Unit)	**Free as per GoK order**			**Energy Charges**	**Free as per GoK order**
			Commission determined tariff (Rs/Unit)	4.55			Commission Determined Tariff (CDT) for LT-4 (a) category is	7.55
		LT 4(b): Applicable to IP Sets above 10 HP	**Fixed Charges Rs/HP/month**	110		LT 4(b): Applicable to IP sets above 10 HP.	**Fixed Charges Rs/HP/month**	135
			Energy Charges Rs/Unit	3.90			**Energy Charges Rs/Unit**	6.00
		LT-4c(i): Applicable to Private Horticultural Nurseries, Coffee, Tea & Rubber Plantations irrespecitive of sanctioned load	**Fixed Charges Rs/HP/month**	100		LT-4c(i): Applicable to Horticultural Nurseries, Coffee and Tea plantations	**Fixed Charges Rs/HP/month**	140
			Energy Charges Rs/Unit	3.90			**Energy Charges Rs/Unit**	6.00
6	LT 5 Industrial, Non-industrial, Heating & Motive Power incl. Lighting.	LT-5(a) Applicable to Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike and Municipal Corporation	**Fixed Charges per HP/month**	**Rs**	LT 5 Industrial, Non-industrial, Heating & Motive Power incl. Lighting.	Applicable in BBMP Areas, Municipal Corporations, all other Urban Local Bodies and Village Panchayats.		
			5 HP & below	90			**Fixed Charges per HP/month**	**Rs**
			>5 upto 40 HP	100			<=40 HP	160
			>40 upto <67 HP	125			>40 up to <=100 HP	210
			>67 upto <100 HP	190			>=100 HP	280
			>=100 HP	225				
			PLUS				**PLUS**	
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)				**Energy Charges (Rs./u)**	
			0 to 500 units	6.05			all units	6.20
			Above 500 units	7.35			A rebate of 50 paise per unit in energy charges is provided for the consumers of village panchayats.	
			Demand based (optional)					
			Above 5HP and less than 40 HP	120 per KW of billing demand				
			40HP and abobe but less than 67 HP	155 per KW of billing demand				
			67 HP and above but below 100 HP	240 per KW of billing demand				
			100 HP and above	255 per KW of billing demand				
			PLUS					
			Energy Charges (Rs./u) as above					
		LT-5(b) Applicable to all areas other than those covered under LT-5(a)	Fixed Charges per HP/month					
			5 HP & below	80				
			>5 up to 40 HP	95				
			>40 up to <67 HP	120				
			>67 up to <100 HP	175				
			>=100 HP	210				
			PLUS					
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)					
			0 to 500 units	5.75				
			501 to 1000 units	6.70				
			Above 1000 units	7.00				
			Demand based (optional)					
			Above 5HP and less than 40 HP	110 per KW of billing demand				
			40HP and abobe but less than 67 HP	145 per KW of billing demand				
			67 HP and above but below 100 HP	230 per KW of billing demand				
			100 HP and above	245 per KW of billing demand				
			PLUS					
			Energy Charges (Rs./u) as above					
			TOD Tariff (Optional)-applicable to LT-5(a) &(b)				**TOD Tariff (Optional)-applicable to LT-5(a) &(b)**	
			Time of Day Increase(+) / reduction (-) in energy charges over the normal tariff applicable				**Time of Day Increase(+) / reduction (-) in energy charges over the normal tariff applicable**	
			06.00 Hrs to 10.00 Hrs	0			**Time Slot** / Dec to June / July to Nov	
			10.00 Hrs to 18.00 Hrs	0			06.00 Hrs to 10.00 Hrs (Peak)	1.50 / 1.00
			18.00 Hrs to 22.00 Hrs	From July to November(monsoon period)-0 from December to June (+) 100 paise per unit			10.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs (Off-Peak)	-0.75 / -0.75
							15.00 Hrs to 18.00 Hrs (Normal)	0 / 0
							18.00 Hrs to 22.00 Hrs (Peak)	1.50 / 1.00
							22.00 Hrs to 24.00 Hrs (Normal)	0 / 0
			22.00 Hrs to 06.00 Hrs (Next day)	From July to November (monsoon period)-0 from December to June (-) 100 paise per unit			24.00 Hrs to 06.00 Hrs (Off-Peak)	-0.75 / -0.75

Kambar seeks police action against unauthorised use of his work for controversial play

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

Jnanpith award winner Chandrashekar Kambar has sought police action against the unauthorised use of his play *Sambashiva Prahaana* and distorting its contents for enacting a drama at Rangayana here.

In a letter to Mysuru City Police Commissioner Ramesh B., dated January 2, Mr. Kambar, who is now president of Sahitya Akademi, pointed out that the persons behind staging the play at Rangayana had not sought his permission to use his literary work. He also expressed disappointment over the permission given by Rangayana authorities to stage a play on his work without his authorisation.

It may be mentioned here that the play staged at Rangayana on Saturday evening had sparked off a row with a section of the audience taking serious exception to the portrayal of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar in poor light.

Meanwhile, Deputy Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Muthuraj said on Tuesday the Mysuru police is yet to receive the letter. Any decision on the letter can be taken only after receiving the letter and going through its contents, he said.

7	LT 6	LT 6(a): Water Supply, Sewerage & Pumping of village Panchayat, Mandal Panchayat, Town Panchayat & Municipalities, Towns, Corporations, State & Central Govt. APMC, Water supply installations including Residential layouts, Charitable organizations.	Fixed Charges/ HP/month up to 67 HP	110	LT 6	LT 6(a): Water Supply, Sewerage & Pumping of village Panchayat, Mandal Panchayat, Town Panchayat & Municipalities, Towns, Corporations, State & Central Govt.APMC, Water supply installations including Residential layouts, Charitable organizations.	Fixed Charges/HP/ month up to 67 HP	160	13	HT 3(a) Lift Irrigation Schemes/ Societies	HT-3(a)(i): Applicable to Lift Irrigation Schemes under Govt departments / Govt owned Corporations	Energy charge of 315 paise per unit subject to an annual minimum of Rs.1900/- HP/Annum	3.15	HT 3(a) Lift Irrigation Schemes/ Societies	HT-3(a)(i): Applicable to Lift Irrigation Schemes under Govt departments / Govt owned Corporations	Energy charge of 600 paise per unit subject to an annual minimum of Rs 3000/- HP / Annum	6.00
			Fixed Charges/HP/month for every additional kw above 67 HP	215			Fixed Charges/HP/ month for every additional kw above 67 HP	240			HT-3(a)(ii): Applicable to Private Lift Irrigation Schemes and Lift Irrigation Societies	Fixed Charges Rs/HP/month of sanctioned load	110		HT-3(a)(ii): Applicable to Private LI Schemes and Lift Irrigation Societies		
			PLUS				PLUS					Energy Charges Rs/Unit	3.15			Fixed Charges Rs / HP/ month of sd load	500
			Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	5.00			Energy Charges (Rs./unit)	6.00			HT-3(a)(iii): Applicable to Private Lift Irrigation Schemes and Lift Irrigation Societies	Fixed Charges Rs /HP/month of sanctioned load	90				
												Energy Charges Rs /Unit	3.15			Energy Charges Rs / Unit	6.00
		LT 6(b): Street lights, public lighting , City Municipalities, Corporations, State & Central Govt, APMC, Traffic Signal Sub-ways.	Fixed Charges/KW/month	125		LT 6(b): Street lights, public lighting , City Municipalities, Corporations, State & Central Govt, APMC, Traffic Signal Sub-ways.	Fixed Charges/KW/month	180	14	HT 3(b)	Irrigation & Agricultural farms, Govt. Horticulture Farms, Private Horticulture Nurseries, Coffee, Tea, Coconut & Arecanut Plantations.	Energy charge of 515 paise per unit subject to an annual minimum of Rs.1960/- HP of sanctioned load	5.15	HT 3(b)	Irrigation & Agricultural Farms Government Horticulture farms, Private Horticulture Nurseries, Coffee, tea, Coconut & Arecanut Plantations:	Energy charge of 525 paise per unit subject to an annual minimum of Rs. 3000/- HP of sanctioned load	5.25
			PLUS				PLUS										
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)	6.70			Energy Charges (Rs./u)	7.00									
			Energy Charges (Rs./u) - LED/ induction Lighting	5.65			Energy Charges (Rs./u) - LED/induction Lighting	6.25									
		LT 6(c): Electric Vehicle Charging stations	Fixed or demand charges Rs./ KW/ month up to 50 KW (LT)	70		LT 6(c): Electric Vehicle Charging stations	Fixed or demand charges Rs./KW/month up to 50 KW (LT)	70	15	HT 4	Residential apartments and colonies availing power Supply independently and Govt Hospitals	Monthly Demand Charges (per kVA)	175	HT 4	Residential apartments and colonies availing power Supply independently and Govt Hospitals	Monthly Demand Charges (per kVA)	510
			Fixed or demand charges Rs./ KW/ month for every additional kw above 50 KW (LT)	170			Fixed or demand charges Rs./KW/ month for every additional kw above 50 KW (LT)	170				PLUS				PLUS	
			Fixed or demand charges Rs./ KVA/ month (HT)	200			Fixed or demand charges Rs./ KVA / month (HT)	200				Energy Charge (Rs./u)	7.10			Energy Charge (Rs./u)	5.30
			Energy Charges (Rs./u) (for both LT and HT)	5.00			Energy Charges (for both LT and HT)	5.00									
		ToD tariff applicable for the power supply availed under HT supply for charging the Electric Motor Vehicle in the Depots of BMTC/ Depots of KSRTC/ NEKRTC/ NWKRTC only	TOD Tariff			TOD Tariff applicable for power supply availed under HT supply for charging the Electric Motor Vehicle in the Depots of BMTC/ Depots of KSRTC/ NEKRTC/ NWKRTC only						TOD Tariff applicable for HT1, HT 2(a), HT2(b) and HT2(c) category			TOD Tariff applicable to all HT categories		
			Time of Day Increase(+) / reduction (-) in energy charges over the normal tariff applicable			Time of Day Increase(+) / reduction (-) in energy charges over the normal tariff applicable						Time of Day Increase(+) / reduction (-) in energy charges over the normal tariff applicable			Time of Day Increase(+) / reduction (-) in energy charges over the normal tariff applicable		
			Times Slot			Time Slot	Dec to June	July to Nov				06.00 Hrs to 10.00 Hrs	0.00		Time Slot	Dec to June	July to Nov
			06.00 Hrs to 10.00 Hrs	0.00		06.00 Hrs to 10.00 Hrs (Peak)	1.50	1.00				10.00 Hrs to 18.00 Hrs	0.00		06.00 Hrs to 10.00 Hrs (Peak)	1.50	1.00
			10.00 Hrs to 18.00 Hrs	0.00		10.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs (Off-Peak)	-0.75	-0.75							10.00 Hrs to 15.00 Hrs (Off-Peak)	-0.75	-0.75
			18.00 Hrs to 22.00 Hrs	From July to Novem-ber(monsoon period)-0 from Decem-ber to June (+) 100 paise per unit		15.00 Hrs to 18.00 Hrs (Normal)	0.00	0.00				18.00 Hrs to 22.00 Hrs	From July to November (monsoon period)-0 from December to June (+) 100 paise per unit		15.00 Hrs to 18.00 Hrs (Normal)	0.00	0.00
						18.00 Hrs to 22.00 Hrs (Peak)	1.50	1.00							18.00 Hrs to 22.00 Hrs (Peak)	1.50	1.00
			22.00 Hrs to 06.00 Hrs Next day	From July to November (monsoon period)-0 from Decem-ber to June (-) 100 paise per unit		22.00 Hrs to 24.00 Hrs (Normal)	0.00	0.00				22.00 Hrs to 06.00 Hrs Next day	From July to November (monsoon period)-0 from December to June (-) 100 paise per unit		22.00 Hrs to 24.00 Hrs (Normal)	0.00	0.00
						24.00 Hrs to 06.00 Hrs (Off-Peak)	-0.75	-0.75							24.00 Hrs to 06.00 Hrs (Off-Peak)	-0.75	-0.75
8	LT 7	LT 7(a): Temporary Power Supply	Less than 67 HP		LT 7	Temporary Power Supply			16	HT 5	Temporary Supply	For sanctioned load 67 HP & above	325	HT 5	Temporary Supply	For sanctioned load 67 HP & above	610
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)	11.20			Less than 67 HP	360				Energy Charges/ unit	11.20			Energy Charges/ unit	11.00
			Subject to Weekly Minimum Charge per kW of sanctioned load is	275			Energy Charges/ unit	13.00				Fixed Charges of Rs. 325/- per HP per month for the entire sanction load /contract demand				Fixed Charges of Rs.610/- per HP per month for the entire sanction load / contract demand	
		LT 7(b): Temporary Power Supply-hoardings and Advertisement - permanent basis	Less than 67 HP						17	HT 5a	Temporary Supply -BIEC	For sanctioned load 67 HP & above			Temporary Supply -BIEC	Energy Charges/ unit	13.00
			Energy Charges (Rs./u)	11.20								Energy Charges/ unit	12.55				
			Fixed or demand charges Rs./ KW/ month	150													
		HT															
		HT SUPPLY - 11 KV & ABOVE	HT SUPPLY - 11 KV & ABOVE	Rs		HT SUPPLY - 11 KV & ABOVE	HT SUPPLY - 11 KV & ABOVE	Rs									
9	HT 1	Public Water Supply and Sewerage Pumping installations	Monthly Demand Charges (Rs./kVA)	250	HT 1	Public Water Supply and Sewerage Pumping installations	Monthly Demand Charges (Rs./kVA)	500									
			PLUS				PLUS										
			Energy Charge (Rs./u)	5.60			Energy Charge (Rs./u)	6.00									
10	HT 2(a) Industrial and Non industrial & Non commercial Purposes	HT-2(a)(i): Applicable to Areas under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike(BBMP) and Municipal Corporation	Monthly Demand Charges (Rs./kVA)	275	"HT 2(a) Industrial and Non industrial & Non commercial Purposes "	Applicable to Areas under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Municipal Corporation and village panchayaths	Monthly Demand Charges (Rs./kVA)	510									
			PLUS				PLUS										
			Energy Charge (Rs./u)				Energy Charge (Rs./u)										
			For the first 1 lakh units/month	7.50			all units	6.60									
			For the balance units/month	7.80													
		HT-2(a)(ii): Applicable to areas other than those covered under HT2a(i)	Monthly Demand Charges (Rs./kVA)	265													
			PLUS														
			Energy Charge (Rs./u)														
			For the first 1 lakh units/month	7.40													
			For the balance units/month	7.60													
		For Railway Traction	Demand Charges (/KVA)	275		For Railway Traction	Demand Charges (/KVA)	275									
			Energy Charge (Rs./u)	6.60			Energy Charge (Rs./u)	6.60									
		For Effluent Treatment Plants	Demand Charges per kVA of billing demand/month	275		For Effluent Treatment Plants	Demand Charges per kVA of billing demand/month	275									
			Energy Charge (Rs./u) for all the units	7.00			Energy Charge (Rs./u) for all the units	7.00									
		Bangalore Metropolitan Railwy Corporation Ltd., (BMRCL)	Monthly Demand Charges (Rs./kVA)	245		Bangalore Metropolitan Railwy Corporation Ltd., (BMRCL)	Monthly Demand Charges (Rs./kVA)	245									
			PLUS				PLUS										
			Energy Charge (Rs./u)	5.25			Energy Charge (Rs./u)	5.25									
11	HT 2(b) Commercial installation, Hotels, Banks, IT enabled Services, Petrol / diesel storages plants etc.	HT-2(b)(i): Applicable to Areas under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike(BBMP) and Municipal Corporation	Monthly Demand Charges (per kVA)	300	"HT 2(b) Commercial installation, Hotels, Banks, IT enabled Services, Petrol / diesel storages plants etc."	Applicable to BBMP area Municipal Corporation and Village panchayaths.											
			PLUS				Monthly Demand Charges (per kVA)	510									
			Energy Charge (Rs / unit)				PLUS										
			For first 2 Lakh Units / month	9.30			Energy Charge (Rs / unit)										
			For the balance units in the month	9.40			all units	7.10									
		HT-2(b)(ii): Applicable to areas other than those covered under HT2b(i)	Monthly Demand Charges (per kVA)	290													
			PLUS														
			Energy Charge (Rs / unit)														
			For first 2 Lakh Units / month	9.10													
			For the balance units in the month	9.20													
12	HT 2(c) Hospitals, Nursing Home, .and Educational Institutions	HT-2(c)(i): Applicable to Government Hospitals and ESI and Universities, Educational Institutions belonging to Government, aided institutions	Monthly Demand Charges (per kVA)	260	HT 2(c) Hospitals, Nursing Home and Educational Institutions	Applicable to BBMP area Municipal Corporation and Village panchayaths.											
			PLUS														
			Energy Charge (Rs / unit)														
			For first 1 Lakh Units / month	7.25			Monthly Demand Charges (per kVA)	510									
			For the balance units in the month	7.65			PLUS										
		HT-2(c)(ii): Applicable Hospitals and Educational institutions other than those covered under HT2c(i)	Monthly Demand Charges (per kVA)	265			Energy Charge (Rs / unit)										
			PLUS				For first 1 Lakh Units / month	6.90									
			Energy Charge (Rs / unit)														
			For first 1 Lakh Units / month	8.25													
			For the balance units in the month	8.65													

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Annexure-2

Category	Type of installation	Consumption level (KWH) per Month (units)	Monthly bill as per existing Tariff (Rs.)	Monthly bill as per proposed Tariff (Rs.)	%age of increase (without tax)
LT-1	Bhagya Jyothi/Kutira Jyothi (fully subsidized by GoK)				
	100 watts	20	174	199	14.37
		40	348	398	14.37
LT-2a(i)	AEH/Applicable to areas coming under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Municipal Corporation and Urban Local bodies				
	up to 1 KW	50	308	330	7.14
		100	588	690	17.35
	3 KW	200	1523	2150	41.17
		300	2343	2850	21.64
		400	3163	3550	12.24
LT-2a(ii)	AEH/Applicable to areas under Village Panchayats				
	up to 1 KW	50	288	318	10.42
		100	553	665	20.25
	3 KW	200	1438	2100	46.04
		300	2208	2775	25.68
		400	2978	3450	15.85
LT-2b(i)	Pvt. Educational Institutions/Areas under BBMP Areas, City Corporation and all areas coming under Urban Local bodies				
	up to 1 KW	100	885	1010	14.12
	3 KW	200	1830	2190	19.67
		300	2690	2940	9.29
		400	3550	3690	3.94
LT-2b(ii)	Pvt. Educational Institutions/Applicable in areas under Village Panchayats				
	up to 1 KW	100	815	960	17.79
	3 KW	200	1690	2090	23.67
		300	2495	2790	11.82
		400	3300	3490	5.76
LT-3(i)	Applicable to areas under Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Municipal Corporation and all areas under Urban Local Bodies				
	for 1 KW	50	545	645	18.35
		100	1015	1030	1.48
	For 5 KW	100	1515	2070	36.63
		300	3395	3610	6.33
		500	5275	5150	-2.37
	For 10 KW	100	2140	3370	57.48
		300	4020	4910	22.14
		500	5900	6450	9.32
		1000	10600	10300	-2.83
LT-3(ii)	Applicable in areas under village panchayaths				
	for 1 KW	50	510	620	21.57
		100	955	980	2.62
	For 5 KW	100	1415	2020	42.76
		300	3195	3460	8.29
		500	4975	4900	-1.51
	For 10 KW	100	1990	3320	66.83

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No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/6188 DATE: 31/12/2022

Time Extension e-Tender Notification-1

Short term e-tender notification No. PWD/CKD DIV/AE-2/TENDER/2022-23/6000 Dated 23/12/2022 was called & Now the First time extension is made for the work at Sl No. 1, is as below.

Calendar of events:1) Pre-bid meeting date:05-01-2023 at 11.00 AM, at The O/o the under signed. 2) Last date for queries & clarifications : 07-01-2023 up to 5.30 PM, 3)Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 09-01-2023 up to 5.00 PM, 4)Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 11-01-2023 at 4.30 PM, 5)Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

All other conditions of the tender remain unchanged.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1480/MCA/2022-23 **PW Dept., Division Chikkodi.**

CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HOSAPETE
No: CMC HPT/WS/15TH FINANCE/DMF/2022-23
Dated: 29-12-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (IFT) E-PROCUREMENT

2020-21/ 15th Finance And 2022-23 Municipal Fun tenders are invited for the work mentioned below as per KTPP act 2000 in two cover system are invited from the eligible Contractors/Firms registered in KPWD as mentioned below. in e-procurement the contractors / firms will have to upload all information, documents and rates etc., **www.eproc.karnataka.govt.in** 1) Tender Last Date: 05-01-2023 5.00 PM. 2) Opening for Technical Bid will be on Date: 06-01-2023 5.10 PM. 3) Opening for Financial Bid will be on Date: 07-01-2023 5.10 PM **Indent No:** 1) **DMA/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT 137567/CALL-2** Estimated Cost Rs in (Lakh) 98.00 (EMD : Rs.196000.00) any other information required can be obtained from the office of the CMC Hosapete during the working hours.

Sd/-Assistant Executive Engineer, CMC Hosapete **Sd/-Municipal Commissioner CMC Hosapete.** **Sd/-President CMC Hosapete.**
DIPR/Vijayanagar/306/MCA/2022-23

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ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂ. ರಾಚವಿ/ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ/ಕುಸಕಾ/2022-23/43 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 03.01.2023

-:ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ):-

ರಾಣಿ ಚನ್ನಮ್ಮ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಬೆಳಗಾವಿಯ ರಸಾಯನಶಾಸ್ತ್ರ ವಿಭಾಗಕ್ಕೆ **Photoluminescence(PL) Spectrometer** ಉಪಕರಣವನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿಸುವ ಪ್ರಕ್ರಿಯೆಯ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು **e-procurement** ಮೂಲಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ **03.01.2023** ರಂದು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತರು **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ದಿನಾಂಕ **18.01.2023** ರ ಸಂಜೆ **04.00** ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯದ ಎಸ್ಟೇಟ್ ವಿಭಾಗದಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/-
ಕುಲಸಚಿವರು
ರಾಣಿ ಚನ್ನಮ್ಮ ವಿಶ್ವವಿದ್ಯಾಲಯ,ಬೆಳಗಾವಿ

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
O & M Circle Office "Shakthi Soudha", Bondel, Mangalore - 575015
Ph: 0824-2443549 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

NO: SEE/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-2/2022-23/I/32028 DATE : 30.12.2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (E-Procurement Portal Only)

Bid Enquiry No. : MESCOM/SEE/MNG/EE(O)/AEE-2/22-23/27969/CALL-2

Tenders are invited from registered Class-1/Super Grade Electrical Contractors for the work "Maintenance of 33KV OH/UG Cable Lines in the Jurisdiction of Puttur Division".

The detailed tender notification information can be obtained by logging on to **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **04.01.2023.** Any further details can be obtained from the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele.) O & M Circle, Mangalore

For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ನಂ.2 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ,
1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಲೋ.ಇ. ಹೂರಕ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
ದೂ.: 080-22122856 ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: www.kpwd.gov.in

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂ. 38/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 02-01-2023

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ನಂ.2 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ-2000ರನ್ವಯ ಮತ್ತು ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯು-1, 2 & 3 ನಿಯಮಗಳಂತೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ (**http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) ಪಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಒಂದು ಲಕೋಟೆ / ಎರಡು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೆಲೆಯನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವರ್ಕ್ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಮೊತ್ತ	ಇಎಂಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ)
1	KPWD/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT163292	54,42,742.98	1,09,000.00
2	KPWD/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT163328	13,22,340.04	33100.00
3	KPWD/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT159192	12,23,853.51	30600.00
4	KPWD/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT162612	26,19,895.05	65500.00

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಗೊಳಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸೇರಿದಂತೆ) : ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.1ಕ್ಕೆ 4 ತಿಂಗಳು ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.2-4ಗಳಿಗೆ 2 ತಿಂಗಳು. ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ : ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.1ಕ್ಕೆ 3ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು, ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.2-4ಗಳಿಗೆ 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮತ್ತು ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು.

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **03-01-2023 ರಿಂದ 11-01-2023 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆವರೆಗೆ.** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **11-01-2023 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ.** ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **13-01-2023 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30ಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.**

ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ (**http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**) ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ನಂ.2 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಾ.ಪ್ರ/3862/ಶ್ರೇಪ್ರ/2022-23

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
ZILLA PANCHAYATH, RAMANAGARA
RURAL DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION DIVISION, RAMANAGARA

Re-Tender Notification No. 58/EE/RDW&SD/RMG/TENDER/AE-2/JJM/2054-2063/2022-23/Call-2 Date : 02.01.2023

The RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION Division Ramanagara is inviting on behalf of Governor of Karnataka State under Single & Two cover bid system as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement ACT 1999 and Rules 2000 - STANDARD BID DOCUMENT KW-3 for water supply works **under JJM** through e-procurement from Registered Contractors as per the schedule given below.

* **Max Amount Put to Tender: Rs.79.78 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 1,59,500.00/-**
* **Min Amount Put to Tender: Rs.51.74 Lakhs EMD: Rs. 1,03,500.00/-**
* **Period of Contract: 06 Months**
* **Last Date for submission of Tender: 18.01.2023 Upto 5.00 P.M.**
* **Opening of Technical Bid of the Tender: 20.01.2023 at 11.00 A.M. onwards**
* **Opening of Financial Bid of the Tender: 24.01.2023 at 11.00 A.M. onwards.**

For further particulars / details may avail from the office of the undersigned during office hours on all working days and may visit the website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
RDW&S Division, Ramanagara.

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT DIVISION KOPPAL.
Phone No: 08539 – 222318
email : eepwdkpl2@gmail.com

IFT No. PWD:DK:RD:KW-4:2022-23: 3743 Date: 02-01-2023

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT) (3rd Call)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division Koppal invites tenders from the eligible tenderers as per standard bid documents KW- 4 on e-procurement Portal, **Head of Account : 5054-MDR Improvements / 2022-23.** Two cover Tender procedure as per Rule 28 of the KTPP Act shall be followed. For more information the contractor can contact the under signed during office hours on Phone No. 08539 – 222318 and all informations regarding tenders can be had from website http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Work Indent Nos. **153035/ Call-3 (1 Work)** Last Date & time for receipt of tenders **10-01-2023 Time 16.00**, Date and time for opening of technical bid **11-01-2023 Time 16.30,** Date and time for opening of fincial bid **13-01-2023 Time 11.00,** Estimate Amount **Rs. 130.00** Lakhs. The tender documents can be downloaded from the above website address, EMD, Date of Pre-bid meeting & Queries/Clarification as mentioned in e-Proc Portal.

Sd/- EE, PWD Division, Koppal.
DIPR/Koppal/546/MCA/2022-23

MANDYA UNIVERSITY
M.C Road, Mandya – 571401
Ph.No.: 08232-220039, E-Mail:info@mandyauniversity.ac.in,
Website: www.mandyauniversity.ac.in

No: MUM/1153/2/2022-23/CALL-2, MUM/1153/3/2022-23/CALL-2, MUM/1153/4/2022-23/CALL-2, MUM/1193/2022-23/Audit of Accounts Date: 03.01.2023

Tender Notification
(Towards E-procurement Portal)

Tenders are invited through e-procurement Portal of Government of Karnataka Further Information can be obtained from website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

-: Tender Time table :-

Sl No	Particulars	Date	Time
1	Last date and time of receipt of tenders	17.01.2023	17:00:00
2	Date of technical Bid opening	18.01.2023	17:00:01
3	Date and Time of Financial Bid opening	19.01.2023	17:00:00

Note: If any Changes it will be updated in the e-Procurement Website: **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**
For the any information Visit website Timely.

Sd/-Registrar (Administration)
Mandya University, Mandya

DIPR/AD-MDY/MC&A/570 /2022-23

		300	3770	4760	26.26
		500	5550	6200	11.71
		1000	10000	9800	-2.00
LT-4a	Irrigation Pumpsets 10HP and below (fully subsidized by GoK)				
	10HP and below	600	2730	4527	65.82
LT-4b	11 HP	375	2673	3735	39.73
LT-4c(i)	10 HP	284	2108	3104	47.25
LT-5a	Industrial, Non-Industrial Heating and Motive power including Lighting/Applicable to areas under Bangalore Metropolitan area				
	5 HP	200	1660	2040	22.89
		300	2265	2660	17.44
		500	3475	3900	12.23
	10 HP	600	4760	5320	11.76
		800	6230	6560	5.30
		1000	7700	7800	1.30
	20 HP	1500	12375	12500	1.01
		2000	16050	15600	-2.80
		3000	23400	21800	-6.84
	50 HP	3000	27650	29100	5.24
		4000	35000	35300	0.86
		7000	57050	53900	-5.52
	65 HP	4000	36875	38450	4.27
		5000	44225	44650	0.96
		10000	80975	75650	-6.58
	75 HP	7000	65050	59150	-9.07
		9000	79750	71550	-10.28
		11000	94450	83950	-11.12
LT-5b	Industrial, Non-Industrial Heating and Motive power including Lighting/Applicable to areas other than Bangalore Metropolitan area				
	5 HP	200	1550	1940	25.16
		300	2125	2510	18.12
		500	3275	3650	11.45
	10 HP	600	4495	5020	11.68
		800	5835	6160	5.57
		1000	7175	7300	1.74
	20 HP	1500	11625	11750	1.08
		2000	15125	14600	-3.47
		3000	22125	20300	-8.25
	50 HP	3000	26225	27600	5.24
		4000	33225	33300	0.23
		7000	54225	50400	-7.05
	65 HP	4000	35025	36450	4.07
		5000	42025	42150	0.30
		10000	77025	70650	-8.28
	75 HP	7000	61350	55650	-9.29
		9000	75350	67050	-11.02
		11000	89350	78450	-12.20
LT-6(b)	Street Lights/Public Lighting Installations				
	3 KW	200	1715	1940	13.12
	5 KW	300	2635	3000	13.85
	10 KW	500	4600	5300	15.22
LT-6(a)	Water Supply and Sewerage pumping installations				
	3 HP	500	2830	3480	22.97
	5 HP	1000	5550	6800	22.52
	10 HP	2000	11100	13600	22.52
LT-6(c)	Electric Vehicle-LT				
	for 1 KW	50	320	320	0.00
		100	570	570	0.00
	For 5 KW	100	850	850	0.00
		300	1850	1850	0.00
		500	2850	2850	0.00
	Electric Vehicle-HT				
	100 KVA	6000	47000	47000	0.00
		10000	67000	67000	0.00
		14000	87000	87000	0.00
	1000 KVA	60000	470000	470000	0.00
		100000	670000	670000	0.00
		210000	1220000	1220000	0.00
HT-1	Water Supply and Sewerage Installations				
	100 KVA	9000	71650	96500	34.68
		10000	77250	102500	32.69
		11000	82850	108500	30.96
	300 KVA	10000	119750	187500	56.58
		14000	142150	211500	48.79
		20000	175750	247500	40.83
	1000 KVA	110000	828500	1085000	30.96
		130000	940500	1205000	28.12
		150000	1052500	1325000	25.89
	6000 KVA	400000	3515000	4950000	40.83
		500000	4075000	5550000	36.20
		600000	4635000	6150000	32.69
HT-2(a)(i)	Industrial/Bangalore Metropolitan Area of BBMP and City Municipal Council				
	300 KVA	12000	160125	209250	30.68
		15000	182625	229050	25.42
		20000	220125	262050	19.05
		110000	898125	856050	-4.68
	Railway Traction				
	9000 KVA	1000000	8703750	8703750	0.00
		2000000	15303750	15303750	0.00
	Effluent/Sewage Treatment				
	9000 KVA	1000000	9103750	9103750	0.00
		2000000	16103750	16103750	0.00
	BMRCL				
	9000 KVA	1000000	7124250	7124250	0.00
		2000000	12374250	12374250	0.00
HT-2(a)(ii)	Applicable to areas other than Bangalore Metropolitan area				
	300 KVA	12000	156375	209250	33.81
		15000	178575	229050	28.27
		20000	215575	262050	21.56
		110000	883575	856050	-3.12
	Railway Traction				
	9000 KVA	1000000	8703750	8703750	0.00
		2000000	15303750	15303750	0.00
	Effluent/Sewage Treatment				
	9000 KVA	1000000	9103750	9103750	0.00
		2000000	16103750	16103750	0.00
HT-2(b)(i)	Commercial/Bangalore Metropolitan Area of BBMP and City Municipal Council				
	100 KVA	6000	81300	85950	5.72
		10000	118500	114350	-3.50
		14000	155700	142750	-8.32
	1000 KVA	60000	813000	859500	5.72
		100000	1185000	1143500	-3.50
		210000	2209000	1924500	-12.88
HT-2(b)(ii)	Commercial/Applicable to areas other than Bangalore Metropolitan Area				
	100 KVA	6000	79250	85950	8.45
		10000	115650	114350	-1.12
		14000	152050	142750	-6.12
	1000 KVA	60000	792500	859500	8.45
		100000	1156500	1143500	-1.12
		210000	2158500	1924500	-10.84
HT-2(c)(i)	Govt. Hospitals and Hospitals run by Charitable Institutions and ESI Hospitals, Govt. Universities, Educational Institutons, Local bodies, aided institutions and Hostels of all educational institutions				
	100 KVA	6000	65600	84750	29.19
		10000	94600	112350	18.76
		14000	123600	139950	13.23
	1000 KVA	60000	656000	847500	29.19
		100000	946000	1123500	18.76
		210000	1787500	1882500	5.31
HT-2(c)(ii)	Applicable to Hospitals and Educational institutions other than those covered under HT-2©(i)				
	100 KVA	6000	72025	84750	17.67
		10000	105025	112350	6.97
		14000	138025	139950	1.39
	1000 KVA	60000	720250	847500	17.67
		100000	1050250	1123500	6.97
		210000	2001750	1882500	-5.96
HT-4	Residential Apartment/ Colonies/ Applicable to all areas				
	100 KVA	6000	57475	75150	30.75
		10000	85875	96350	12.20
		12000	100075	106950	6.87
	1000 KVA	60000	574750	751500	30.75
		100000	858750	963500	12.20
		120000	1000750	1069500	6.87

NOTE: (1) HT consumers also have additional Time of Day rebate of 75 ps./unit during 10:00 a.m to 03:00 p.m
(2) In addition to the above, taxes levied/leviable by the State Government from time to time shall be applicable

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The BMRCL is likely to open close to 40 km of lines under Phase II for the public. FILE PHOTO

If everything goes as per the plan, 2023 could see a major milestone in the commercial operations of Namma Metro. The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is likely to open close to 40 km of lines under Phase II for the public. Two major IT corridors in the city - Whitefield and Electronics City - will be linked with metro services after years of delay.

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As part of the Electronics City metro line, the BMRCL has built a metro-cum-road flyover between Ragigudda and Silk Board. The BMRCL has partially started trials on the Whitefield line.

Other lines that are expected to open are Kengeri to Challaghatta of the Purple Line on Mysuru Road and Hesarghatta Cross to Madavara on the Green Line on Tumakuru Road. The total length of these two lines is over 4 km.

At present, a 55-km metro line is operational in the city. Between 2011 and 2018, the BMRCL operated 42 km of metro lines under Phase I.

Under Phase II, only 13 km metro lines were opened to the public in 2021: Silk Institute to Yelachenehalli on the Green Line and Mysuru Road to Kenger under the Purple Line.

Under Phase II, the BMRCL is building a network of 72 km, which include Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara with a 14-km tunnel network. Another 55 km metro line under Phase II A and B is under construction from Central Silk Board to Kempegowda International Airport via K.R. Puram , Nagawara, and Hebbal.

BMRCL MD Anjum Parwez said that opening of two major lines linking Whitefield and Electronics City will help in decongesting the traffic in a big way as lakhs of people would shift to metro for commuting. He said that metro ridership would cross 10 lakh per day once both the lines become operational.

The Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) is likely to induct more non-AC electric buses under the FAME-2 scheme of the Union government.

The corporation has signed an agreement with TATA Motors for operating 921 electric buses. The BMTC has already inducted 390 buses under the Smart City project and FAME. The year is also likely to see the re-introduction of double-decker buses on the city roads.

The BMTC is also planning to run a number of mini buses for providing metro feeder services and interior locations where roads are narrow.

In the Winter Session, both houses of the Karnataka Legislature passed the Bengaluru Metropolitan Land Transport Authority Bill -2022 and that has given hope that in the future, the proposed authority would address various issues pertaining to urban mobility.

The authority, which will be headed by the Chief Minister, has over 20 members, including heads of various departments, the Transport Minister, Bengaluru in-charge Minister, experts, and representatives from citizen groups. The primary objective is regulation of the development, operation, maintenance, monitoring, and supervision of urban mobility by giving directions to agencies concerned such as BBMP,BDA, BMTC,BMRCL and others.

KIA T2 first phase likely to be operational in mid-Jan.

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

The long queues which have been a constant feature at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) during the festive season, will most likely be a thing of the past once the first phase of the airport's Terminal 2 becomes operational.

The first phase of Terminal 2 is likely to become operational in mid January. To start off, Terminal 2 will handle only domestic carriers. Later, it will also handle international carriers.

Though the Terminal 2 was officially inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 11, 2022, it has not become operational for commercial services as a few works are still pending.

Phase 1 of the terminal, covering 255,645 square metres, will cater to 25 million passengers per annum (MPPA), while the second phase, which is still in the planning stage, would be able to handle 20 million MPPA. Once both the phases are completed, Terminal 2 can handle 70 MPPA.

Terminal 2 has been built on four guiding principles: terminal in a garden, sustainability, technology and innovation, and art and culture of Karnataka.

With the operators of the airport claiming that technology has been woven into every aspect of Terminal 2, a host of new features are expected to be added to enhance passenger experience and make flying seamless.

Also, new international routes are expected to be added which had been stalled due to COVID-19.

Siddeshwar Swami cremated

The mortal remains of Sri Siddeshwar Swami being taken in a procession in Vijayapura on Tuesday. P.K. BADIGER

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Sri Siddeshwar Swami of Jnana Yogashrama was cremated with State honours in Vijayapura on Tuesday night. Sri Basavalinga Swami, head of the ashrama, and other religious leaders lit the pyre at around 9 p.m.

The cremation was organised at the ashrama, after the body was kept for public viewing on the Sainik School Grounds till evening. The final rites were carried out as per the wishes of the seer.

Sri Nirbhayananda Swami of Ramakrishna Vivekananda Ashrama, Sri Adrushya Kadasiddeshwar Swami, Sri Basavalinga Pattaddevaru of Bhalki Hiremath, Sri Shivakumar Shivacharya Swami and others were present during the cremation.

Traders of Vijayapura observed a voluntary, near-total bandh on Tuesday. Most of the shops and offices remained closed. The district administration had announced a holiday for schools and colleges.

Huge crowds thronged Vijayapura on Tuesday to pay their respects to the departed seer Sri Siddeshwar Swami of Jnana Yogashrama who passed away on Monday.

As per instructions from police, people walked from the national highway to the Sainik School Grounds where the body was kept till evening for public viewing. People went around the glass enclosure in which the body was kept. They offered flowers and garlands and left. Several of them were overcome with emotion and could not hold back their tears.

Drug peddlers held

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The narcotics wing of the Central Crime Branch on Tuesday arrested a gang of three rowdies and recovered synthetic drugs, worth ₹3 lakh from them.

The accused, Imran Basha, Shadab Khan, and Syed Yarab, were caught selling MDMA crystals, LSD strips, and marijuana to college students and even to minors, said the police.

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NO:EE/PWD//Dvn/Bdr/ JE-3/ 5054/Add /2022-23/3903 Date:30.12.2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. Bidar invites Tenders from eligible Tenderers, for the works i.e. Works indent No KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT162241,162188 &155216 CALL-2 Amount for the work is Minmum Rs. 400.00 Lakhs and Maximum Rs: 500.00 Lakhs. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e.procurement portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in .

Tenders must be submitted through e-procurement portal on or before 16.00 hours up to dt: 13.01.2023 Tenders will be opened on dt: 14.01.2023 Further any other information can be seen from the e-procurement portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division Bidar.

DIPR/Bidar/403/MC&A/2022-23

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CORRIGENDUM-I

Sub:- Postponement of Calendar Events of Tender Called vide Indent No.21944 - Reg.

Ref:- 1) This office Tender Notification No.738 Dtd:12/12/2022

Tenders for Indent No.21944 were invited vide this office Tender Notification cited at Reference-1. Due to some Technical Problems, Calendar Events of Tender has been changed vide shown under.

1) Contractors can request for e-tendering documents from web site from 31/12/2022 to 13/01/2023 from 10 AM to 5 PM, the contractor has to pay the transaction fee as per e-portal norms, using payment modes-1)Credit card/National electronic fund transfer (NEFT)/over the counter (OTC) 2) Submission of completed e-tendering document will be from 31/12/2022 to 13/01/2023 upto 5 PM 3) Pre-Bid meeting will be conducted in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.4, Chikkahonnakuni on 05/01/2023 @ 11.30 AM.

4) Technical Bid and Financial Bid of the Tenders will be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC, Division No.4, Chikkahonnakuni on 16/01/2023 and 18/01/2023 respectively @ 11.00 AM.

For any clarification regarding the tenders please Contact http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the undersigned during office hours on working days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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RISE	17:39 SET 06:08

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I, SULTAN S/o Mohd Iqbal Hejeeb residing at Doctor Street, Mavalli 01, Murdeshwar, Bhatkal Taluk, Uttara Karnataka-581350 Karnataka have changed my name to Sultan Hejeeb vide affidavit dated 02-01-2023 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

I, SUMAYAH D/o Haseeb Hussain Syed residing at No.16, 2nd Cross, Pemmiah Gowda Road, J C Nagar, Bengaluru-560006 Karnataka have changed my name to Sumayah Hussain vide affidavit dated 02-01-2023 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

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INBRIEF

Congress forms panels for planning bus yatras

The KPCC has constituted two coordination committees for South and North Karnataka, respectively, for making bus yatras of KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah a success. Former Minister Basavarj Rayareddy has been appointed as the chairman of the coordination committee consisting of 22 members for the North Karnataka election tour of Mr. Siddaramaiah. In South Karnataka, MP G.C. Chandrashekar-led 29-member committee would make arrangements for the election tour of Mr. Shivakumar. While Mr. Siddaramaiah is expected to take out the "bus yatra" from Belagavi in North Karnataka from January 11, Mr. Shivakumar is expected to take out the rally from January 16 in Bengaluru.

Industrialist's suicide: Cong. leaders visit his residence

Former Chief Minister Siddarmaiah, along with AICC General Secretary Randeep Singh Surjewala, on Tuesday visited the residence of industrialist Pradeep S., who committed suicide last week at Mahadevapura in the city.

Speaking to mediapersons after paying condolences to the bereaved family members of the industrialist, who had committed suicide blaming BJP MLA and former Minister Aravind Limbavali, the Congress leaders termed Pradeep's suicide as a "murder" and demanded that the guilty must be punished. Mr. Surjewala demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and alleged that "the brazen loot of BJP's corrupt government has blinded the BJP leadership and CM Bommai to the broad daylight murder of people and rule of law. Time for Mr. Bommai to follow Raj Dharma or quit." A FIR has already been registered against the BJP MLA and five others by the police, who should conduct an impartial inquiry and bring the guilty to justice, the Congress leaders said.

Shah's attack makes it tough for Cong. to project JD(S) as 'B-team' of BJP

This comes in the backdrop of JD(S) actively wooing minorities with the party even appointing Ibrahim as president, and Kumaraswamy consistently attacking the RSS in the last few months

Sharath S. Srivatsa
BENGALURU

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launching a virulent attack last week on the Janata Dal (Secular) at Mandya, the hotbed of Vokkaliga politics, is being perceived in political circles as something that can potentially nullify Congress's projection of JD(S) as the "B-team" of the BJP.

This comes in the backdrop of the JD(S) actively wooing the minorities in the State with the party even appointing C.M. Ibrahim as the party president, and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy consistently attacking the RSS in the last few months. Incidentally, it was in Hassan, another Vokkaliga dominated district, that the then Congress president Rahul Gandhi had termed JD(S) as BJP's "B team" during the 2018 Assembly elections. The JD(S) leaders claim that this tag cost them dear as minority voters consolidated in favour of the Congress, resulting in narrow losses for the party.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah had launched a virulent attack on the Janata Dal (Secular) in Mandya last week. FILE PHOTO

JD(S) sources have indicated that the party that had so far stayed away from attacking the PM and Union Home Minister will not shy away from targeting them in future

'Ploy to divide'

Multiple Congress leaders from the region acknowledged that it would be difficult to set a narrative of BJP "B team" for the JD(S). "It is a ploy to divide minority votes and eat into Congress votes. It's also confusing the voters by sharing the stage with the JD(S) patriarch H.D. Deve Gowda and later attacking the party as indulging in 'blackmail'," said a leader from Hassan, pointing out that the community sees the Adichunchanagiri Mutt leaning towards the saffron party.

JD(S) sources also said that the attack, though countered by Mr. Kumaraswamy, could help in convincing the minorities ahead of elections. They indicated that the party that had so far stayed away from attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mr. Shah during its Pancharatna Yatra would not shy away from targeting them in future. Interestingly, Mr. Shah also said that casting a vote for JD(S) is akin to casting one for Congress.

Multiple BJP sources also agreed that the JD(S) could no longer be easily tagged as the BJP's "B team", and said it could help JD(S) corner former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah while trying to undermine KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, another Vokkaliga leader, who is trying to drum up community support for himself.

Three-corner fight?

Perception issues apart, sources insisted that the BJP is keen to reap electoral dividends in the region in a three-corner fight at the cost of the Congress. Currently, the BJP has 15 seats out of 89 seats, including 28 in Bengaluru, in the Old Mysore Region where Vokkaligas dominate the political narrative, and Mr. Shah has set a target of winning 54 seats.

Sources said that the party has been actively wooing the Vokkaliga community and believes that the 108-ft Kempe Gowda statue, setting up of the Kempe Gowda Authority, reservation for Vokkaligas and a spike in real estate along the newly built Bengaluru-Mysuru highway that could all help swing Vokkaliga votes in their favour.

Sources also claimed that Vokkaliga leaders in BJP have not shown keen interest in pushing forward the party prospects in the region.

Ex-MLC moves HC against spending on e-Vidhan system from State exchequer

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Tuesday ordered issue of notice to the State government on a PIL petition questioning the implementation of e-Vidhan paperless legislature system at a spiralling cost of ₹253.75 crore.

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the order on the petition filed by Ramesh Babu, a former MLC and a member of the Congress.

It has been pointed out in the petition that the State Budget in 2017-18 had proposed to implement e-Vidhan project at an estimated cost of around ₹60 crore by making budgetary allocation of ₹20 crore.

However, as the Union government in 2018 announced the National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA) and offered a 60:40 cost-sharing formula with the States, the State government, through the then Chief Secretary, in August 2018 had written to the Centre expressing its willingness to be part of NeVA, it has been pointed out in the petition.

Revised cost

Later, the State government again chose to implement the e-Vidhan system on its own not only without any monetary assistance from the Centre but at revised and exorbitant cost of ₹254 crore, the petitioner has pointed out while complaining that the State government's decision is causing loss to the State's exchequer.

"The functioning of the NeVA scheme is fundamentally strong with all necessary safeguard with regard to implementation and functioning and storage of data and will be fully in control and operation of Central agencies with added benefit of cost savings and technical expertise for implementation of the said scheme as a whole as opposed to the envisaged scheme of the State government, which seeks to implement scheme at the hands of a private entity, to be identified by KEONICS, a State-run agency," the petitioner has said.

The decision of the State government to forego the Central subsidy of 60% would not only cast a burden on the State exchequer but lacks bonafides and transparency, the petitioner has contended.

Kateel's statement on 'love jihad' and roads draws ire of Oppn.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State president Nalin Kumar Kateel's statement in Mangaluru on "love jihad" has drawn the ire of the Opposition.

He had told party cadre not to discuss "small issues like roads and sewage... if you want to stop love jihad which is a question of your children's life." The video clip of the speech Mr. Kateel made at a party event in Mangaluru on Monday went viral on Tuesday.

"The message is loud and clear by the BJP president. With nothing to showcase to the people, BJP will resort to polarising the elections. One never hears BJP speak on development of State or about youth's future," tweeted Priyank Kharge, spokesperson, Congress.

Karnataka Congress attacked the BJP in a series of tweets on Tuesday. They said that for BJP, "people dying due to bad roads, 40% commission in contracts, bitcoin scandal, PSI recruitment scam, increasing attacks on Salits were all small issues." "The BJP that has nothing to show on the development front always takes to polarising society on communal lines," the party tweeted.

Garment workers accuse govt. of meting out injustice

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Amidst exercise to revise minimum wages of various trades currently underway in the State, garment workers' minimum wages fixed in 2018 has not been implemented yet. They have accused the State government of following a discriminatory policy towards lakhs of garment workers.

Garment industry's last wage revision came in 2014 though law stipulates revision of minimum wages once in three to five years, Garment and Textile Workers' Union leaders said.

"The wages of garment workers are about ₹4,000 less than the wage rates of other scheduled industry in Karnataka. For example, if the minimum wages fixed by the government in ceramic tiles industry is ₹18,176 per month, the minimum wages fixed for garment workers is only ₹10,441 per month," K.R. Jayaram said. In 43 years, the government has taken an average nine years to revise minimum wages for garment industry.

Another GATWU leader R. Prathibha said though the government issued a draft order in 2018 fixing minimum wages to helper category at ₹445 a day, the order was withdrawn within a month. "The withdrawal was questioned in high court, which favoured the workers. Today, with dearness wages, the garment workers should have received a minimum wage of around ₹14,000, but they are paid ₹10,441."

Seven scientists get awards

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Seven Indian scientists have received the India-Bioscience Outreach Grants (IOG) awards for taking science out of the lab. IndiaBioscience, which is supported by the National Center for Biological Sciences (NCBS), Bengaluru, had initiated the awards to bridge the gap between scientists and society. The IOG awards were launched under two schemes: First time grants and Extension Grants. The first-time awards were for young scientists who haven't been awarded the IOG award last year. The seven winners (five first-time awardees, two extension grant awardees) were selected from within a pool of over 98 proposals, and cover a variety of areas and niches, including citizen science initiatives, educational webinars, stakeholder awareness programs, as well as interactive videos and graphics.

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e-tender Notice

No. BS3/369/2023 Dated: 03.01.2023

E-tender No.BS3/369/2023 -TNCSC/22-23

Online electronic tender **for "PURCHASE OF 200 LAKH NUMBERS OF FORTIFIED RBD PALMOLEIN OIL 1 LITRE POUCHES (910 gms)"**

Complete e-tender document can be viewed and downloaded through **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** and also available in **www.tenders.tn.gov.in**

The bidders have to participate online bidding only with Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of Class-II or Class-III

Last Date for Online Submission : **upto 11.00 A.M on 06.02.2023.**

DIPR/72/Tender/2023 **MANAGING DIRECTOR.**

"சோதனை கடந்து சுதந்திரம் அடைந்தோம் சாதனை புரிந்து சரித்திரம் படைப்போம்"

ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-2022 (OJEE-2022)

NOTICE REGARDING CHOICE FILLING AND COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF OJEE COUNSELLING FOR B.PHARM AND M.PHARM COURSES

No: OJEE / 001 Date: 03.01.2023

This is for the information of all the candidates who have qualified in OJEE-2022/NEET-2022/JEE(MAIN)-2022 examinations and are interested to take admission into B.PHARM courses offered by various accredited institutes in Odisha for the session 2022-23, that the process of choice filling and locking is scheduled to start from **04th January 2023, 5.00 PM**. Same schedule is also applicable for candidates who have qualified in PGAT/OJEE-2022 (not 2nd OJEE) examinations and are interested to apply for admission in M. PHARM Course.

Candidates are advised to visit OJEE website (**www.ojee.nic.in**) and carefully read the "Counselling Brochure – 2022" and also see the complete "Counselling Schedule".

Sd/-
CHAIRMAN, OJEE
Odisha

OIPR-14020/11/0028/2223

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
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Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560001.
Phone No. 080-22265383 Website: www.kiadb.in
email: cdoce1@kiadb.in or jdtp@kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/EIA/EC/ETND-EC-16/16907/2022-23 Date : 03-01-2023

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE INVITING TO PROVIDE CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR OBTAINING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE (EC)
(Through GOK e – Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tender under two cover systems for Providing Consultancy Services for preparing EIA, SIS studies etc., to obtain Environmental Clearance (EC) from State Environmental Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) and Consent for Establishment (CFE) from Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) and Half yearly compliance report to be submitted as per the Statue for all the conditions of EC & CFE for 3 years for the Metikurke Industrial Area, Metikurke, Kariyobenahalli villages, Hiriyuru Taluk, Chitradurga District in an extent of 1156 Acres-12(1/4) Guntas.

The EMD amount of Rs.2.00 Lakhs should be paid through e-payment in the e-procurement portal only using any of the four modes namely: Credit Card, Direct Debit, National Electronic Fund Transfer (NEFT), and Over the Counter (OTC).

Applicants may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Scheduled of dates are as follows:

- Last date to receive Pre bid queries: **06-01-2023** up to 5.00pm
- Pre bid meeting will be held on: **07-01-2023** at 11.30 am
- Last date for submission of Technical & Financial bid is: **12-01-2023** up to 4.00 pm
- Time and date of opening Technical bid is on: **13-01-2023** after 05.30 pm

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1
KIADB, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/3858/AKAR/22-23

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

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Lygia and Vivek Vellore
Ajay, Anant and Adhiti

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Division Ballari
Email: ee_pwdbellary@yahoo.com Telephone No: 08392 -266123

No: EE/PWD/BD/TS-1/2022-23/4831 Dated : 02-01-2023

Tender Notification (Two Cover Sysytem)

The Executive Engineer, Public works Department Division, Ballari invites the tenders for the works detailed in the table from the eligible contractors registered in Karnataka Public Works Department, through e-procurement portal. Two cover tender procedure as per KTPP Act shall be followed. The tender documents can be downloaded through the web-site http://eproc. karnataka.gov.in. For any additional information the tenderers may contact the office of the undersigned during office working hours. **TABLE**

Sl No	Details of Works	Amount of Estimate (Rs. in Lakhs)
1)	KPWD/2020-21/BD/WORK_INDENT133711	67.34
2)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT163257	80.00
3)	KPWD/2022-23/RD/WORK_INDENT162263	95.00

Note : Any changes either in tender dates or any other conditions, tenderers can view in e_Procurement Portal.

1) Last dates for queries (through e-procurement portal **12-01-2023 upto 12.00 Hours.** 2) Last date for submission of tenders through e-procurement portal **18-01-2023 upto 16.00 Hours**. 3) Date and time of opening of Technical Bids **19-01-2023 t 16.30 Hours in the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari**

DIPR/Ballari/776/MCA/2022-23 Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Ballari.

From Page One

'New cases will touch 291 in Feb. and drop to 57 in March'

Sources in the TAC told *The Hindu* that the genomic surveillance data for Karnataka for December 2022 is awaited and wastewater surveillance is also not showing an increase in December 2022.

"The numbers assume a delayed XBB rise. The XBB rise is calibrated to what was seen in Singapore in November 2022. Moreover, the Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data (GISAID) as of December 31 indicates that XBB is still the dominant strain in December 2022 with 340 of the 1,046 sequences showing this variant," according to the TAC's report.

"The hospitalisation and the ICU requirements are also based on what was seen in Singapore during its XBB rise period. It may be noted that 82% of the eligible population in Singapore had the minimum protection of two doses and 60% of the eligible population in Singapore had up-to-date vaccination..." the report stated.

The TAC has recommended that the current situation of COVID-19 in the State and Bengaluru does not warrant a work from home option for IT employees as an advisory from the State.

Khan clears reinduction of Cherian into Kerala Cabinet

Governor walks the Constitutional path; agrees to swearing-in of former Minister with some reservations; CM Pinarayi Vijayan explains the government's legal justification for the move

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan appeared to walk a careful and constitutionally mandated path by agreeing to reinstate Saji Cherian, MLA, as a Minister in the Left Democratic Front (LDF) government on Wednesday.

Mr. Cherian was constrained to step down as Culture and Fisheries Minister in July after his allegedly disparaging comments on the Constitution put the government in the dock. Subsequently, the police absolved Mr. Cherian of any wrongdoing.

Back to Cabinet: Former Minister Saji Cherian at AKG Centre in Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday. S. MAHINSHA

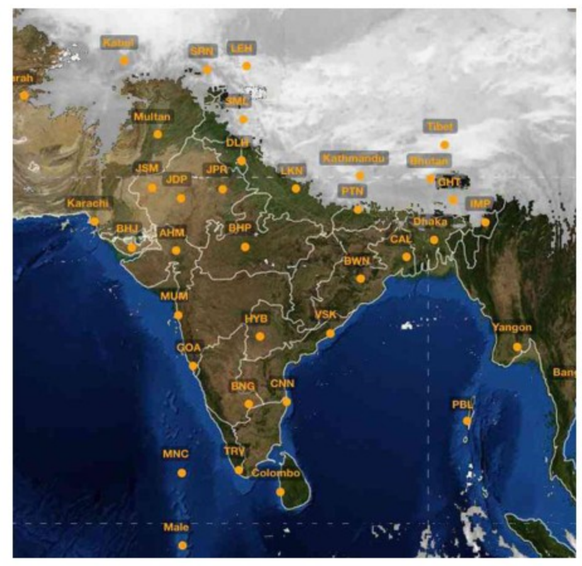
Mr. Khan's consent was reportedly with qualification. He purportedly insisted that the onus was on the political executive if Mr. Cherian ran into any legal jeopardy after assuming power. Raj Bhavan's last-minute detente with the ruling front occurred after Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan rang up Mr. Khan explained the government's "legal justification" for reinducting Mr. Cherian into the Cabinet.

The personal interaction moderated Mr. Khan's position that Raj Bhavan could ill-afford to gloss over the severe charge that Mr. Cherian, as a Minister, had disparaged the Constitution.

"Whatever advice I have given (to the government), I have to accept the Chief Minister's counsel ultimately," Mr. Khan said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Wednesday: Cold wave/severe cold wave conditions likely in some/isolated pockets over Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Jammu, Uttarakhand, Bihar, Assam, Manipur and Sikkim

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	24.7	10.6	Kozhikode	—	33.4	22.6
Ahmedabad	—	25.7	13.5	Kurnool	—	32.3	21.4
Aizawl	—	—	6.5	Lucknow	—	10.6	6.7
Allahabad	—	18.2	11.2	Madurai	—	32.0	19.8
Bengaluru	—	26.8	16.3	Mangaluru	—	32.8	21.6
Bhopal	—	—	8.4	Mumbai	—	31.0	16.6
Bhubaneswar	—	27.7	18.4	Mysuru	—	30.7	15.6
Chandigarh	—	13.0	6.6	New Delhi	—	16.1	8.5
Chennai	—	30.0	22.9	Patna	—	14.5	11.4
Coimbatore	—	29.6	19.5	Port Blair	0.5	30.0	24.8
Dehradun	—	19.7	6.0	Puducherry	—	30.4	21.0
Gangtok	—	12.6	5.1	Pune	—	31.1	15.3
Goa	—	32.5	21.2	Raipur	—	29.8	14.5
Guwahati	—	25.8	9.8	Ranchi	—	23.2	11.6
Hubballi	—	32.0	17.0	Shillong	—	15.8	6.0
Hyderabad	—	29.3	20.0	Shimla	—	10.5	2.2
Imphal	—	23.2	5.1	Srinagar	—	9.5	-4.4
Jaipur	—	17.7	5.3	Thiruvananthapuram	—	32.5	20.8
Kochi	—	30.8	22.4	Tiruchi	—	30.5	20.6
Kohima	—	15.2	5.8	Vijayawada	—	30.4	20.7
Kolkata	—	22.6	14.2	Visakhapatnam	—	30.0	22.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.10	102	.51	...104	...110	
Bengaluru	.10	..38	.24	99	...102	
Chennai	.23	..35	.42	...141	...105	
Delhi	.16	..91	.94	...406	...354	
Hyderabad	.11	6	.90	...114	...118	
Kolkata	.12	..28	.52	...297	...166	
Lucknow	.11	..36	102	...321	...250	
Mumbai	.33	193	.67	...274	...167	
Pune	..—	..—	..—	.....—	.....—	.....—
Visakhapatnam	.12	..48	.12	89	...108	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Delhi recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 385 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 18

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Survey reaffirms biodiversity richness of Kerala's capital

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

An invertebrate survey undertaken in the Thiruvananthapuram Wildlife Division has reaffirmed the relevance of the region as a biodiversity hotspot.

The four-day exercise to survey the invertebrates of Neyyar and Peppara wildlife sanctuaries and the Agasthyavanam Biological Park with emphasis on arachnids was jointly conducted by the Forest Department and the Travancore Nature History Society (TNHS).

Around 50 delegates including arachnologists and enthusiasts from various institutions, including Kerala University, Kerala Agricultural University and Christ College, Irinjalakuda, participated in the exercise.

As many as 186 spider species, 191 butterfly species, 129 bird species, 41 odonate species, 45 ant species, 12 mantid species, and four cicada species were documented during the survey. The Neyyar wildlife sanctuary is home to 133 species of spiders, 182 species of butterflies, 70 species of birds, and 35 species of odonates, while the Peppara wildlife sanctuary recorded 83 spider species, 126 butterfly species, 115 bird species, and 20 odonate species.

Notable findings: Black-and-orange flycatcher and Poecilotheria

Many interesting species, including tarantulas like *Haploclastus* and *Poecilotheria* species, were among those that were documented. The researchers who documented spider diversity have called for undertaking specific assessments of arboreal and litter spiders as a follow-up to the survey. The butterfly diversity of the Thiruvananthapuram wildlife division was updated with species such as Common onyx and Palni fritillary which were hitherto unseen in the Agasthyamala region. Other notable records were Red-disc bush-brown, White hedge blue, Hampson's hedge blue, Rosy oakblue and Painted courtesan.

Odonates' diversity was less compared to the monsoon season. However, the survey recorded endemic species such as Euphaea cardinalis and Euphaea fraseri.

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No : HESCOM/DF/CA/DCA/AO(RA)/22-23/CYS-7256 Dtd :03.01.2023

Notification

Sub: Regarding Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF).

In exercise of powers conferred on the Commission by Section 181 read with Sub-section (5), (6) and (7) of section 42 of the Electricity Act 2003 (Act No. 360 of 2003) and all powers enabling in this behalf, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission had issued KERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum and Ombudsman (Second Amendment) Regulations 2013.

As per Clause No. 3.1 of the said Regulations, every Distribution Licensee shall establish in every Revenue District of its jurisdiction a Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF). To make it convenient for consumers of Dharwad, Uttar Kannada, Haveri, Belagavi, Vijayapur, Bagalkot and Gadag Districts of HECOM jurisdiction, CGRF consisting of chairperson and members as detailed below are created.

Sl. No.	Name of Revenue District	Chairperson Nominated by HESCOM	Member Nominated by HESCOM	Member Nominated by Commission	Forum's Head Quarters
1	Dharwad	Smt. S.S. Jangin, Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Hubballi Cell: 9448370227. Email ID - seehbl.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. Revanasiddappa Gavannavar Deputy Controller of Accounts, O & M Circle, HESCOM, Hubballi Cell: 9448488758. Email ID – dcahbl.hescom@gmail.com	Smt. LeelaHiremath, Lawyer, H. No. 43, Sai Nilaya, Silver Orchard, Kelageri Road, Dharwad-1. Mob No. 9448049725	O /o Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Shivagangaa Layout, Keshwapur, Hubballi- 580023
2	Uttara Kannada	Sri. D.B.Kamat, Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Sirsi. Cell: 9448491813. Email ID - seesrs.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. S.V. Prabhu Deputy Controller of Accounts, O & M Circle, HESCOM, Sirsi. Cell:9480881750. Email ID – dcasrs.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. Lokesh Laxminarayan Hegde, Saakina: Bhandiwala, Uppina Pattana Post, Kumta Taluk, Uttara Kannada District – 581362 Mob No. 9141148237	O /o Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Ayyappa Nagar, Sirsi-581 402 (Dist : Uttara Kannada)
3	Haveri	Sri. Nagappa . S. H Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Haveri. Cell: 9448132532. Email ID - seehvr.hescom@gmail.com	Smt. Renuka L Tembad, Deputy Controller of Accounts, O & M Circle, HESCOM, Haveri. Cell: 9448132625. Email ID – dcahvr.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. G. S. Magavi, Opp. Chambers, Magavi Petrol Bunk, Haveri-581110. Mob No. 9448132402	O /o Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Reg No. 85B, Near B.E.O /Haveri Urban Development Authority Office, Hanchinal Layout, P. B. Road, Haveri - 581110
4	Belgavi	Sri. Giridhar Kulkarni, Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Belgavi. Cell:9448370240. Email ID - seebgm.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. Praveenkumar. K Chikade, Executive Engineer, O & M Rural Division, HESCOM, Belgavi. Cell: 9448370243. Email ID – eerbgm.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. C.T. Majagi, Pl. No.1011, CTS No. 5646, Sect No. VI, M.M.Extn, Shrinagar, Belagavi-17 Mob No. 9448437074	O /o Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Neharu Nagar, Belagavi-590010
5	Bagalkot	Sri. K G Hiremath, Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Bagalkot. Cell: 9449877676. Email ID - seebgkt.hescom@gmail.com	Sri Narayan Kallimani, Executive Engineer, O & M Division, HESCOM, Bagalkot. Cell: 9448370258.	Sri. C. V. Shivapuji, 15th Cross, Vidyagiri, Near Kenchamma Temple, Bagalkot. Mob No. 9845644111	O /o Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM,Sector No -6, Road No-6 Near Patrika Bhavan, Navanagar, Bagalkot-587 103
6	Vijayapura	Sri Siddappa Binjageri Superintending Engineer (El), O & M Circle, HESCOM, Vijayapura Cell: 9448370248. Email ID - seebjp.hescom@gmail.com	Sri. S.A.Sindoor, Deputy Controller of Accounts, O & M Circle, HESCOM, Vijayapura Cell: 9449852113. Email ID – dcabjp.hescom@gmail.com	Sri Ravindra S Bijjaragi, 31/E, Gani Towers, Opp B.L.D.E.A's Hospital, Ashram Road, Vijayapur-586103. Mob No. 9448125231	O /o Superintending Engineer (El) O & M Circle, HESCOM, Beside BDA Office, Basavana Bagewadi Road, Vijayapura-586 109.
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In the event of a complaint not being redressed satisfactorily by the concerned field officer, complainant may submit his grievance in Form 'A' (available in CGRF Offices) within THREE (3) months from the date on which his grievance should have been redressed.

Grievances falling within the purview of any of the following provisions of the Act are excluded from the jurisdiction of the Forum.

1. Unauthorised use of electricity as provided under section 126 of the Act.
2. Offences and penalties as provided under section 135 to 139 of the Act.
3. Accident in the distribution, supply or use of electricity as provided under section 161 of the Act.

Any complainant aggrieved by the non-redressal of his grievances by the Forum may himself or through his representative make a representation to the Ombudsman within Thirty (30) days from the date of receipt of the order of the Forum. The address of the Electricity Ombudsman is as noted below:

Electricity Ombudsman,

No. 16 C-1, Miller Tank Bed Area, (Behind Jain Hospital) Vasanthnagar, Bengaluru-560052.

Sd/- Controller, Corporate Office, HESCOM, Hubballi

DIPR/DWD/930/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

Original Marksheet Lost

It is notified for Public information that I Ms K.C. Chandini D/O Mr K.K. Cariappa and Mrs. Gali Cariappa , residing at # No. D. 806, Alpine Pyramid, Rajiv Gandhi Nagar, Kodigehalli, Bangalore -560097, have lost my original Marksheets of ICSE - 2015 and ISC - 2017,with register number / unique ID 5929725 for class 10 and class 12. An FIR has been filed regarding the same .

if anyone finds the markesheets pls contact : 9632188378 or inform the nearest police station.

Govt of Karnataka

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION KALABURAGI

No: EE/PWP/IWTD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/2022-23/7514 Date: 03-01-2023

CORRIGENDUM NOTIFICATION

Sub:Extension of Time of Tender

Ref: This Office tender notification No:EE/PWD&IWTD/KD/TS-2/Tender Notification/ 2022-23/No 6992 Dt: 17.12.2022.

Under this Office NIT cited above, the calender of events for the indent no(162410, 162413, 162408, 162409,162411 162412) are extended. are as follows

1) Last date for queries : **10.01.2023 (17.30 Hrs)**, 2) Last date for Submission of tender : **11.01.2023 (16.00 Hrs),** 3) Date of Opening of Technical Bid : **12.01.2023 (16.30 Hrs)**, 4) Date of opening of Financial Bid : **16.01.2023 (11.30 Hrs)**.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Division Kalaburagi

DIP/Kalaburagi/1058/MC&A/2022-23

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Under Taking)

Office of theExecutive Engineer, KBJNL.NRBC.Divn.No.4,

Chikkahonnakuni,Tq: Devadurga. Dist:Raichur-584 111. KARNATAKA.

No. KBJNL/NRBC/D-4/TND/PB/Tender/2022-23/778 DATE:30/12/2022

SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

(ONLY THROUGH ELECTRONIC TENDER SYSTEM)

(TWO COVER SYSTEM)

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore the Executive Engineer KBJNL, N.R.B.C. Division No. 4, Chikkahonnakuni, invites the short term percentage tenders in two cover system from the eligible Category III and above enrolled in KBJNL Selected list for work mentioned in the table below. The Tenderers are required to submit two separate covers, one containing details of EMD and the particulars under instructions to the Tenderers vide clause 1.1 and the other containing financial details of tender as per clauses 1.20

(The blank tender documents can be obtained through the web site www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in and to be submitted through electronic tender box.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE DETAILS OF THE WORKS PUT TO E-TENDER

Sl. No	Name of work	Amount put to tender	GST	Total Amount	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs.)	Cost of document (Rs.)	Contractor eligibility	Contractor eligibility
	Providing catwalk to hoist bridge and minor repairs to gate and allied parts of Gugal Barrage (INDENT 22337)	Rs. 13387948.00	Rs. 2409831.00	Rs. 15797779.00	Rs. 237000.00	As in e-procurement	09 Months (Including Monsoon)	A valid copy of registration of KBJNL categorization certificate (Category III & above / KPWD-1 above)

3.1.2)The contractors can request for e-tendering documents from 31/12/2022 to 13/01/2023 -10.00 AM to 5.00 PM in the web site http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index Seam link e-tender document on payment (non refundable) as fixed by e-portal towards transaction fee. While applying the contractor can pay the transaction fee in the e-procurement portal using payment modes - 1 credit cards / National electronic fund transfer (NEFT) / over the counter (OTC) from 31/12/2022 to 13/01/2023 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM during office hours. 3.1.3The contractor can have access to e-tender document from 31/12/2022 to 13/01/2023 from 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM. 3.1.4) Submission of completed e-tendering documents from 31/12/2022 to 13/01/2023 up to 5.00 PM. 3.1.5) Pre-Bid meeting will conducted in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC Division No. 4, Chikkahonnakuni on 05/01/2023 3.1.6) Cover - I & II (Technical bid and Financial bid) will be opened electronically in the office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, NRBC Division No 4. Chikkahonnakuni on 16/01/2023 & 18/01/2023 at 11.00 AM respectively. 3.1.7) Further information about electronic tendering can be had from http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in/e-portal/index or in the o/o the undersigned during office hours on working days.

For any clarification regarding the tenders please Contact http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or office of the undersigned during office hours on working days.

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Overly deferential

While upholding demonetisation, SC failed to hold government accountable

It is an oft-repeated judicial view that courts must defer to the elected government's judgment in matters of economic and social policy. Their interventions are usually limited to instances where executive decisions are palpably arbitrary or patently illegal. In this backdrop, it is no surprise that four of the five judges on a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court deferred to the government's wisdom in dramatically announcing the move on November 8, 2016 to demonetise all ₹500 and ₹1,000 notes that were then in circulation. The scope of judicial intervention was only to examine the decision-making process, but the majority has given its uncritical endorsement to the process, terming it to be free of flaws. It has upheld the government's power to demonetise notes without quantitative restrictions and accepted the claim that there was adequate consultation between the Union government, which initiated the proposal, and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). What might seem distressing about the majority verdict is that it has made light of the enormous suffering of the people that demonetisation entailed. While there are observations that recognise the possibility of hardship and that demonetisation may have ultimately been a failure, these are limited by context to say neither individual suffering nor errors of judgment can be cited to invalidate the action.

The majority has brushed aside substantial arguments based on proportionality, holding that demonetisation survives every test for proportionality: there was a legitimate purpose (unearthing fake currency and hoarded wealth and combating terror funding), there was a nexus between the action and the objectives, and the court did not have the expertise to suggest a less intrusive way of achieving these objectives. However, it does not properly address the question on whether the adverse consequences could have been limited. It is unfortunate that the court had nothing critical to say about the government failing to anticipate the ruinous effect of extinguishing the value of 86% of available currency on the economy and the immense miseries it heaped on the population. Justice B.V. Nagarathna's dissent, holding the process to be flawed and the RBI's approach to be without application of mind, is a consolation for those who want the courts to hold those in power to account. In a larger sense, of course, a judicial rap on policy questions matters little. But it might give governments cause for pause before implementing decisions with far-reaching consequences for the people.

Slow and steady

President Lula must negotiate Brazil's conservative polity cautiously

The return of Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva to power is an opportunity for Brazil to right the wrongs of the past four years of Jair Bolsonaro and put the country back on the track of equity-oriented growth. Lula, as the leftist Workers' Party leader is known, comes with a record of high performance and high popularity. His previous two administrations, from 2003 to 2011, followed a mixed economic approach – market-friendly policies with high social spending – which helped lift some 25 million Brazilians out of poverty while also ensuring high economic growth. But troublesome years followed. His hand-picked successor, the former revolutionary Dilma Rousseff, was impeached by a hostile Congress. Under Mr. Bolsonaro, the far-right, ultra-nationalist President who is a supporter of Brazil's brutal military dictatorship, the economic growth story disappeared, hunger soared and its healthcare system collapsed. At least 7,00,000 people died due to COVID-19 as the President downplayed the threat of the pandemic and his administration botched up its crisis response. Mr. Bolsonaro's policies also led to faster deforestation of the Amazon rainforests.

The Bolsonaro years saw Brazil's liberal, working class and progressive sections rallying behind Lula, who had been convicted of corruption charges before being acquitted by the Supreme Court. Lula, who left office in 2011 with an 83% approval rating, mobilised the opposition, leading them to a narrow but convincing victory in the presidential run-off. After his inauguration on Sunday, Lula said his focus would be on unity and reconstruction. To his advantage, a new pink tide is sweeping through South America. He will find support for his agenda from leftist leaders in countries such as Venezuela and Chile. Lula has already pushed through a constitutional amendment to put Brazil's spending cap on hold as he is planning to spend an extra $28 billion this year. Yet, the road will not be smooth. Mr. Bolsonaro refused to concede officially and left Brazil before Lula's inauguration, while his supporters staged violent protests, calling on the military to "shut down the government". If social tensions stay high, the economic challenges will be bigger. The commodity boom that helped fund Lula's social welfare spending in the early 2000s is non-existent today. He has to restore public confidence in the government, rebuild the economy and the healthcare sector, and unite a polarised country. Lula should proceed cautiously, negotiating with the different blocs of Brazil's aristocracy-dominated polity and aiming for gradual yet substantial changes in its wealth structures.

Preventing animal cruelty is a duty of the state

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Soon, a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India will deliver its verdict on the validity of Tamil Nadu's law permitting the practice of jallikattu in the State. Usually held during the Pongal season, jallikattu is a sport where men compete against each other to hold on to the humps of agitated bulls that are released into an open arena. In 2014, in *Animal Welfare Board of India v. A. Nagaraja*, a two-judge Bench of the Supreme Court declared jallikattu illegitimate. The court found that the practice was cruel and caused the animal unnecessary pain and suffering. Since then, Tamil Nadu has made efforts to resurrect the sport's legality. It is that act of revival which is now at stake.

Animal rights and safety

Oral arguments made in the case showed us just how complicated some of the issues involved in the dispute are. In some ways, the hearings also underlined the deficiencies inherent in the Constitution when it comes to addressing questions of animal welfare. Therefore, how the court chooses to resolve the questions posed to it could come to have a deep bearing on the future of animal rights and safety in our country.

None of the guarantees contained in Part III of the Constitution, which deals with fundamental rights, are explicitly conferred on animals. Article 14 (right to equality) and Article 21 (right to life and personal liberty) are bestowed on persons. Until now, we have generally understood "persons" to mean human beings, or, in some cases, associations of human beings, such as corporations, partnerships, trusts, and the like. No doubt, some of the Directive Principles of State Policy and the Fundamental Duties, contained respectively in Parts IV and IVA of the Constitution, reflect a responsibility placed on the state and on human beings to protect and improve the natural environment. But these are unenforceable obligations.

> A way to approach the jallikattu dispute is to see it in the context of our own right to live in a world that treats animals with equal concern

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Therefore, when efforts to legislate on animal welfare were first made, they did not emanate as much out of a belief that animals were vested with rights as they did from a more elementary ethical precept that our collective conscience ought to make it clear that it was morally wrong to inflict unnecessary pain and suffering on animals. It was with this vision in mind that Parliament enacted the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act (PCA Act), 1960.

The PCA Act isn't without its shortcomings. While it criminalises several types of actions that cause cruelty to animals, it exempts, for example, from its coverage the use of animals for experiments with a view to securing medical advancement. But what is clear, as the Supreme Court previously affirmed in *A. Nagaraja*, is that jallikattu falls within the boundaries of the actions forbidden by the PCA Act. It is for this reason that the present effort at regulating the practice seeks to create a blanket exemption.

When Tamil Nadu amended the PCA Act in 2017– it did so on the basis that both the state and the Union government have the power to legislate on issues concerning cruelty to animals – it specifically excluded jallikattu from the confines of the statute's various protections. It also secured the President's imprimatur for the law, and thus attempted to save the legislation from any accusation that it was repugnant to the PCA Act and therefore illegal.

Arguments of petitioners

Judicial review of legislation can broadly be made on two grounds. One, on whether the legislature possesses the competence to enact the law; and two, on whether the law violates one or the other of the fundamental rights delineated in Part III of the Constitution. Tamil Nadu's amendments, the petitioners claimed, failed on both grounds. First, the petitioners recognised that both the Union and the State legislatures have equal power to make laws on 'prevention of animal cruelty' – relatable as it is to Entry 17 of the Concurrent List of Schedule VII to the Constitution. But the law regulating jallikattu, according to them, by excluding the practice from the PCA Act, has the effect of condoning cruelty on animals and hence must be seen as a colourable action that bears no nexus to Entry 17. Second, the petitioners submitted that the Supreme Court arrived at clear findings of fact and law in 2014. In *A. Nagaraja*, the court had held that jallikatu, in and by itself, amounted to a violation of the existing provisions of the PCA Act, and the fundamental duty contained in Article 51A(g), which requires citizens "to protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife, and to have compassion for living creatures." The effect of this violation, the court held, had a direct bearing on the right to life contained in Article 21. The Bench was conscious that the right in Article 21 is conferred only on human beings. But the expanded meaning of the word "life" over the years, which now included a right against disturbance to the basic environment ought to mean that animal life must also be treated with "intrinsic worth, honour and dignity," the court found.

Both sets of arguments made by the petitioners call for deep reflection. But the latter argument – on infraction of fundamental rights – raises several allied questions: Do animals have personhood? Does our idea of justice include a guarantee of animal rights? If not, do we still owe a duty of care towards our fellow creatures? What does that duty entail? How does it balance with other rights guaranteed to human beings?

Care towards animals

On any reasonable reading of the Constitution, it might be difficult to hold that animals are promised rights to life and personal liberty under Article 21 and equality under Article 14 – a conclusion to that effect could well lead to bizarre consequences. Arguments in favour of personhood invariably spring out of a belief that animals, especially certain kinds of animals such as apes, elephants, and whales, share much in common with human beings. But as the philosopher Martha Nussbaum says, our duty of care towards animals needs to hardly originate out of our similarities to them. We must instead see "each form of animal life in all its beauty and strangeness."

Therefore, rather than focusing on personhood, the better approach to the dispute, the approach that maintains a greater fidelity to our Constitution's text and values, is to see it in the context of our own right to live in a world that treats animals with equal concern. The judgment in *A. Nagaraja* hinted at this approach but stopped short of fleshing it out. Article 21, Justice K.S. Radhakrishnan held, no doubt safeguards only the rights of human beings, but the word "life" is today understood to mean something more than mere existence; it means an existence that allows us, among other things, to live in a clean and healthy environment. Indeed, it is possible to argue that a human right to a healthy environment would include a human right to animal welfare. Viewed thus, our governments would be constitutionally obligated to take measures to help the flourishing of our fellow creatures. In this conception, legislating to prevent animal cruelty is no longer an option; it transforms into a binding duty cast on the state.

It is crucial for India to embrace multi-domain operations

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The India-China skirmish on the Arunachal Pradesh border has brought the Chinese threat on the front burner again. This has made External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar accept that to counter this threat, "...we have a deployment of the Indian Army... that we have never had." The threat had never decreased, but faded in public consciousness due to electioneering, bridge collapses, yatras, G-20, etc. Low-level and geographically restricted clashes will keep recurring. But what this should not do is to lull us into a complacent mindset that accepts such clashes, where the Indian jawan gives back more with sticks and fisticuffs than what he receives, as the likely future conflict scenario with China. The threat, actually, is at the other extreme of technical advancement – in the concept of multi-domain operations (MDO).

Understanding multi-domain operations

The term MDO has entered India's military lecture circuit big time; however, it is being bandied about loosely, with its true characteristics and import being understood by few. MDO is *not* just actions on land, in sea, air, cyber, space and in the electromagnetic spectrum. It comprises operations conducted across multiple domains and contested spaces through convergence of capabilities to overcome an adversary's strengths by presenting it with operational and/or tactical predicaments. This means having a common operating picture across all domains which forms the basis to decide the best tool to address a given task. Hence, it is not one service using capabilities in multiple domains to do a task (as is happening now), but the best positioned and capable operator of *any* service doing it across *any* domain. Thus, an Army coastal missile battery could be tasked to strike an enemy naval vessel detected by the radar of an Air Force aircraft; or an Air Force's armed unmanned aerial vehicle on an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance mission could be diverted to use its weapons against an Army target detected by a naval/civilian satellite; alternatively, a cyber weapon could be used. In simple terms, the MDO architecture uses any sensor and the best positioned shooter to accomplish objectives; the technical complexity and the command, control and communication (C3) structure required can well be imagined.

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MDO and its C3 structure would have inputs from all sensors to come up with an optimum engagement solution using artificial intelligence. This demands three things. First, all sensors (and other information input sources) must be capable of being hosted on the MDO architecture. Second, all solution providers (executors) must be able to receive inputs and instructions from the MDO C3 structure and carry them out. And third, if the link to the main structure is not available (say, jammed by the enemy), the mission command characteristics of distributed control would come into play so that operations continue.

This is complicated, for one is talking of pioneering technologies that only nations with a developed scientific base and financial standing can afford. It would require a *de novo* look at doctrine, planning, acquisition, staffing and training. This raises a doubt – does this affect India or is it a first world problem? Should New Delhi be pouring money and resources into an American concept (being progressed by the U.S. aggressively for the past decade) that may not concern us? The answer comes easy when one considers that China, which is attempting to match U.S. military power, is not lagging far; it is closely watching the Russia-Ukraine conflict where Western specialists are helping Ukrainians utilise the power of algorithms to fuse reconnaissance from space and choose the best shooters to strike Russian targets. As an article in *The Washington Post* puts it, "The Ukrainians are fusing their courageous fighting spirit with the most advanced intelligence and battle-management software ever seen in combat." This is MDO, in an abridged form, in action. If left behind, India would be deterred by denial during peacetime itself as Beijing, which has the technology and finances, masters it. India has no choice but to embrace MDO too.

Four-pronged strategy

A four-pronged strategy is suggested. First, in the short-term, traditional physical domains must be stabilised, with critical deficiencies of the services being plugged. Second, our C3 networks need to be hardened and protected against cyber threats. Importantly, they need to be linked and synchronised so that seamless exchange of data is ensured. Third, for the long term, a pilot project must be started now so that the true challenge of creating an MDO environment is grasped; presently, it's just western literature driving theoretical discussions in the seminar circuit. The pilot project would identify the technologies required and, equally importantly, an idea of the monies necessary. And finally, to get the fundamentals of MDO right, it is vital to train and educate personnel starting now; incidentally, the U.S. Air Force has a one year-long training course ongoing to help develop "....critical thinking and problem solving skills at the operational level of war" amongst Joint All Domain Specialists, as the trainee officers would be called.

Technology has changed the face of war. History is witness to perils on the battlefield if scientific advances are overlooked. Battlefields too have changed from physical brawls to cyber and precision strikes. But err... if the recent brawls at Pangong Tso, Galwan and Yangtse and the thrust required towards MDO are yardsticks to go by, strategic minds at the higher levels of the military and government have a plateful of imperatives to address. This may not be an era of war, as someone famously said recently, but homilies are for politicians and not for professionals. The proverbial powder must not only stay dry but be upgraded in time.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Demonetisation

The Supreme Court has declared that the government's demonetisation policy was legal ("SC majority ruling finds no flaw in 2016 demonetisation process," Jan. 3). The government has the space to be adventurous with policies and the court verdict is that the policy was legal. However, this does not mean that it was a success.

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Bengaluru

The court only dealt with the question of legality, not whether the decision was sound or prudent ("BJP hails Supreme Court verdict on demonetisation," Jan. 3). Nor did it delve into the outcome of the decision. There was no need for Ravishankar Prasad to demand an apology from Rahul Gandhi. After all, it was not just Mr. Gandhi, but several eminent economists and academics who questioned the decision. They stood vindicated by data. Also, after declaring in 2017 that November 8 would be celebrated as 'anti-black money day', the BJP has been silent about it since. In any case, debating a reckless policy without post-facto corrective steps, six years after it was implemented, is a futile exercise.

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Bengaluru

Tragedy in the capital

I was aghast reading about this gory incident ("Protests erupt in Delhi a day after girl allegedly killed, dragged by car," Jan. 3). It is impossible to believe that the driver and passengers were unaware that a body was caught in the wheel. Those men need to hang their heads in shame.

K. Sridevi
Shivamogga

How was there no person or traffic constable on the streets of Delhi to witness this horrific incident? It truly boggles the mind. This incident cannot be treated as any other accident.

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Chennai

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A late but right call by Kerala Governor

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Before finally agreeing to reinstate former Minister Saji Cherian into the Cabinet, Kerala Governor Arif Mohammed Khan had left everyone guessing when he decided to seek legal advice before arriving at the decision.

It is a requirement under Article 163 of the Constitution that there shall be a Council of Ministers headed by the Chief Minister to aid and advise the Governor in the exercise of his functions. The Chief Minister shall be appointed by the Governor, who shall also appoint the other Ministers on the advice of the Chief Minister. All Ministers shall hold office during the pleasure of the Governor (Article 164). Citing this, Mr. Khan had earlier threatened to drop the Ministers who had allegedly insulted him in public. Later on, it was pointed out that such a step cannot be taken, and the "pleasure doctrine" cannot be stretched too far.

The Cherian conundrum

Saji Cherian, elected from Chengannur constituency under a CPI(M) ticket, was inducted as the Minister for Fisheries, Culture and Youth Affairs into the second Pinarayi Vijayan government. He was made to resign from the Cabinet as a result of a speech he made to his party workers criticising the Constitution.

He had apparently said: "We claim that our Constitution is the most beautiful one. I would say that the Indian Constitution is something that can loot the maximum number of people in the country. Something that the British dictated was written down verbatim as the Indian Constitution."

Following strong inner party criticism, the party decided to reinstate Mr. Cherian as Minister and wrote to the Governor to allot time for the swearing-in ceremony. It was widely reported that Mr. Khan was reluctant to give a date and he was consulting his lawyers on this issue.

Can the Governor refuse to administer the oath to the Minister, and will it be justified? It is provided in Article 164(3) that the Governor shall administer the oaths of office and secrecy to a Minister before he assumes office. The Schedule III of the Constitution lays out the oath of office and oath of secrecy for a Minister of a State. For a person to become a Minister, he must be a Member of the Legislature of the State, and if the State has a legislative council, he can also be a member of that council and should not have suffered any disqualification provided under the Constitution.

It is also a requirement that the council of ministers shall be collectively responsible for the Legislative Assembly of the State. In this case, the concerned Minister had taken an oath (similar to that of a minister) when he got elected as an MLA from Chengannur and has not suffered any disqualification for his so-called anti-constitutional speech.

After the 1952 elections in the Madras Province, when the Congress Party did not have an absolute majority, and the legislature party also could not elect a leader, the high command announced the induction of Rajaji as the Chief Minister when he was neither MLA nor MLC.

However, the then Governor Sri Prakasa nominated him as an MLC and administered oath even without the convening of the legislative council. Though P. Ramamurthy, an Opposition leader, filed a writ petition before the High Court of Madras challenging the move, the petition was dismissed saying that he does not have *locus standi* to question it.

The oaths are prescribed under Schedule III for various constitutional posts, including Ministers and judges, and without it, one cannot assume office. If the authority empowered to administer the oath refuses to do so, what should subsequently happen is a question that has come up before the courts.

In April 1978, Vasantha Pai, a Senior Advocate got elected as a Member of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Council from the graduate constituency. It is a requirement under Article 188 that he be administered the oath by the Governor or a person appointed on his behalf under Schedule III.

For some reason, he did not want to take oath before the Pro tem Chairman who was nominated by the Governor. He met the then Governor of Tamil Nadu and informed him that he would like to be administered oath by him. As he did not get any answer, he sent a telegram asking him to fix a date for the oath.

'Oath by letter'

Later on, the petitioner sent his oath in the form prescribed in Schedule III duly signed by him in duplicate to the Governor, along with a covering letter in which he stated that he is sending the oath in view of the delay in administering it. Referring to Article 188, he said it was the sacred Constitutional duty of the Governor to administer oath and stated that no red tape or bureaucracy should be permitted to obstruct it.

Thereafter he filed a writ petition before the Madras High Court seeking a declaration that he has complied with the constitutional requirement of having to take oath before assuming office. The court allowed his case and he entered the legislative council successfully (Vasantha Pai, July 1978).

Thus, had Arif Khan refused to administer oath to Saji Cherian, all he had to do was to write a registered letter to the Governor signing the oaths of office and secrecy and later move the High Court of Kerala for appropriate declaratory relief. Taking oath is a requirement under law, but should the Governor not give an audience, it does not prevent the office holder from entering office. After all, the procedure is only handmade.

Examples from the past suggest that CPI(M) MLA Saji Cherian could have been reinstated as Minister even if Arif Mohammed Khan declined to administer oath

BJP's bid to make its mark in Punjab

SAD sees the 'Veer Bal Diwas' issue as an opportunity to save its political fortune

STATE OF PLAY

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Even as the controversy surrounding its nomenclature continues, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on December 26 participated in the 'Veer Bal Diwas' programme in Delhi, to mark the martyrdom of Sahibzadas Baba Zorawar Singh and Baba Fateh Singh - the sons of Gobind Singh, the tenth Sikh Guru.

Earlier this year, the Prime Minister had announced that December 26 would be observed as 'Veer Bal Diwas'; this among a few other moves was seen as an attempt by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to garner the support of the Sikh community as the party intends to expand its political base in Punjab, after its alliance with its oldest partner Shiromani Akali Dal (Dal) broke in 2020.

With the 2024 parliamentary election inching closer, the BJP seems to be working on two fronts. First, as part of its expansion plan at the regional level, it is trying to build a 'pro-Sikh' image in Punjab while trying to neutralise its 'anti-peasant' image created during the farmers' agitation. Second, at the national level, the party is trying to convey a larger message of not being anti-minority.

BJP's strategy

Also, by expressing closeness to the Sikh community, a message is silently being delivered that Sikhs are an associated religion with Hindus. However, the radical Sikhs have strongly raised objections. Dal Khalsa - the radical outfit asserting that the state should stay away from religious affairs of Sikhs

has termed the nomenclature of 'Veer Bal Diwas' an arbitrary decision by the Prime Minister's Office. The outfit said that the move "..will further escalate tension between Amritsar and Delhi."

Expansion mode

In his speech at the 'Veer Bal Diwas' programme, the Prime Minister while referring to the fact that 'Panj Pyare' (five beloved ones, who have a special place in Sikhism) came from all parts of the country, exuded pride that one of the 'Panj Pyara' was from Dwarka, land from where he hails.

The BJP is in expansion mode in Punjab and wants to capture the space vacated by the Congress and SAD. Over the years, the BJP had been contesting the electoral battle in Punjab as a 'junior partner' in alliance with the SAD. But after the SAD quit the alliance, the BJP has been busy expandingin the State. To this effect, it inducted several Sikh 'faces' in the party including former Chief Minister Amarinder Singh. While in alliance with the SAD, the BJP's electoral base had largely been confined to the urban areas in Punjab, but by attempting to woo the Sikhs – especially the landowning and numerically strong Jat Sikh community, the party is trying to make inroads into rural Punjab.

The BJP has been persuasively informing the public through public rallies and other platforms about several decisions taken in the interest of Sikhs since 2014 when it formed government at the Centre. Setting up a Special Investigation Team to probe the 1984 anti-Sikh riots cases, the initiative taken to start the Kartarpur corridor, waiving of Goods and Services Tax (GST) from 'langar' (community kitchen), granting Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) registration to Gurdwara Harmandir Sahib (Golden Temple) are a few decisions the party has been taking credit for.

As the controversy surrounding the nomenclature of 'Veer Bal Diwas' continues, the SAD, which claims to be the sole representative of the Sikh (Panthic) community, has been trying to latch onto the opportunity. The SAD faced a drubbing in the 2022 Punjab Assembly election. The party fared poorly in the recently concluded Sangrur bypoll too.

Plea to PM

While expressing gratitude towards the Prime Minister, SAD MP Harsimrat Kaur Badal urged Mr. Modi to name the tribute to the sacrifice of Sahibzadas (sons) of Guru Gobind Singh in a manner that symbolises the Panthic values and in tune with the heritage of 'Khalsa Panth'.

She requested the Prime Minister to listen to the plea of Akal Takht and accept the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC)'s recommendation to name it as 'Shabibzade Shahadat Diwas' instead of 'Veer Bal Diwas' to resonate with Sikh ethos.

The politics on the nomenclature may resonate for a while, but with the BJP looking aggressive in its approach to expand in Punjab, the Opposition political parties will have to be watchful.

The link between diabetes, wealth and awareness

A person with a higher awareness of diabetes has a better chance of beating the disease regardless of their wealth levels

DATA POINT

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Diabetes is often dubbed a rich man's disease. Studies also show that lifestyle changes, which include sedentary work and poor dietary choices, often lead to diabetes. Data from the National Family Health Survey-5 conducted between 2019 and 2021 also agree with this hypothesis. The share of persons with high random blood glucose levels was lowest in the poorest 20% of the households in India while it was highest in the richest 20%.

Chart 1A shows the share of the women population in India which was neither on medication to control diabetes nor had their random blood glucose level >140 mg/dl, across wealth quintiles. A quintile represents 20% of a given population. Chart 1B shows the share of the women population in India which was either on medication to control diabetes or had a random blood glucose level >140 mg/dl, across wealth quintiles.

While the charts do show that the hypothesis – the wealthier the person, the higher the share of diabetes incidence – holds true, the gap between the richest and poorest was not very high. Among the richest 20% of the population, 17% of women were either on medication to control diabetes or had a random blood glucose level >140 mg/dl. The similar figure for the poorest 20% was 10.6% –a mere six percentage points difference.

While the wealth of a person does decide diabetes incidence, another key parameter is awareness levels about the disease. Data show that, the more years of schooling completed by a woman, the lower the chance of her being a diabetic and vice-versa.

Chart 2A shows the share of the women population in India which was neither on medication to control diabetes nor had their random blood glucose level >140 mg/dl, across years of schooling completed. Chart 2B shows the share of the women population in India which was either on medication to control diabetes or had a random blood glucose level >140 mg/dl, across years of schooling completed.

Among those women who had not completed even one year of schooling, 17.4% were either on medication to control diabetes or had a random blood glucose level >140 mg/dl. Among women who had completed less than five years of schooling, the figure was at 19.1%. However, among those women who had completed more than eleven years of schooling, the figure was only 8.4% – a difference of 9% to 10% points.

So, more than the wealth of a person, awareness levels play a relatively superior role in diabetes incidence. The fact that in general, the more wealthy a person, the higher the average years of schooling – as shown in table 3 – only adds weight to the above conclusion. In other words, a person with higher awareness about diabetes has a better chance of beating the disease regardless of wealth levels.

This relationship between years of schooling and diabetes incidence was more pronounced in the Southern States where the disease burden is relatively higher. Chart 4 shows State-wise share of the women population which was either on medication to control diabetes or had a random blood glucose level >140 mg/dl.

In Kerala, the share among those women who completed more than eleven years of schooling, was only 8.3%. Whereas the share among those who completed only 5-7 years of schooling was 22%.

NFHS classifies an individual as having high blood glucose if the random blood glucose level was between 141 and 160 mg/dl and very high blood glucose if it was more than 160 mg/dl. Less than 140 is considered normal.

How diabetes burden differs

The charts are based on data collated from the National Family Health Survey - 5. Only the share of women from the survey was used in the analysis as NFHS sample size for women was better than men

Chart 1 : The chart shows how diabetes burden differed among wealth quintiles

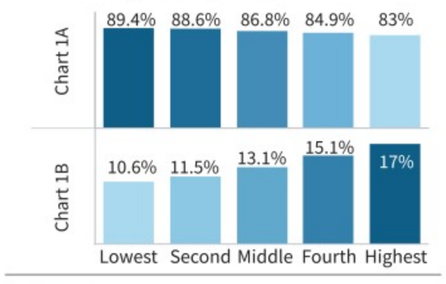


Chart 2 : The chart shows how diabetes burden differed across years of schooling

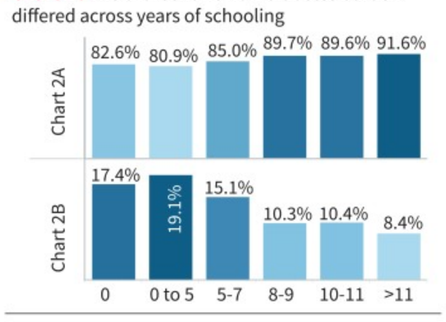
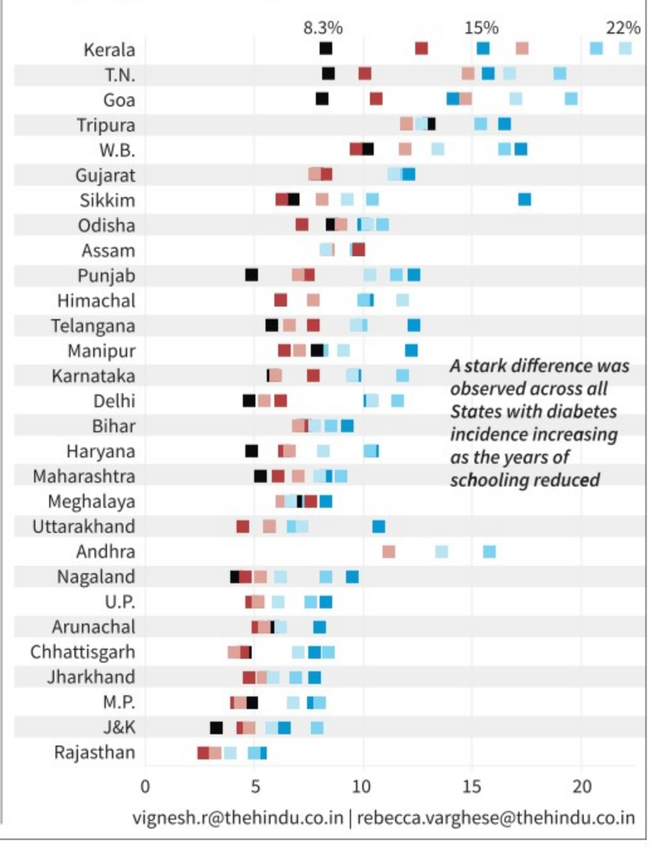


Table 3 : The chart shows that the more wealthy a woman, the higher the average years of schooling

	Years of schooling completed					
Wealth	0	0-5	5-7	8-9	10-11	>11
Poorest	46	20	15	12	4	3
Second	36	18	17	15	8	8
Middle	28	16	17	15	11	13
Fourth	20	14	17	15	14	21
Richest	11	10	13	12	15	38

Figures in %

Chart 4 : The chart shows State-wise share of the women population which was either on medication to control diabetes or had a random blood glucose level >140 mg/dl



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FIFTY YEARS AGO JANUARY 4, 1973

PM stresses role of science as preserver

Chandigarh, Jan.3. The Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi to-day called upon Indian scientists to make a special effort to avoid the mistakes which had brought about an ecological crisis in the West and said that in releasing any new machine or new source of energy due note should be taken of the side effects that were likely to be created.

Mrs. Gandhi, who was inaugurating the diamond jubilee session of the Indian Science Congress, said: "We are told that over-dosage of pesticides in the desire for higher yields is depositing poisonous residues in the milk and vegetables supplied to us in Delhi. Because technological man is concerned mainly with what he can get, we become aware of the problems of destructions or pollution only at a later stage when remedial action is almost impossible. Bigger and faster are not synonyms for better. Should we encourage new appetites which are not conducive to a satisfactory life? It is evident that progress cannot look merely to immediate gains.

"Every step we take, every discovery we make, disturbs the world as it is and starts a chain of reaction with far-reaching results. Hence at every stage we have to consider what side effects are being produced and what fresh problems are being created."

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JANUARY 4, 1923

Bombing operations

(ASSOCIATED PRESS OF INDIA.)Delhi, Jan.3: Further details of punitive air operations against Jalal Kher Mahsuds on 28th December last now received explain that A.D.H. 9 a nose dived into a small ravine close to Palosi Punga village and on an impact the bombs that were carried on the machine exploded and burst into flames. Both the airmen were killed instantaneously. One body was much burnt by fire. Enemy suffered casualties in two killed and three wounded while a large number of animals were also reported killed.

On the 30th December bombing operations were again repeated but few targets were seen on the 29th. Guri Khel and Gareri were bombed. Towers of Armadwan were reported to be uninhabitable. On the first instant a gang of Wazirs carried off a few cattle.

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'No need for extra curbs on Ministers' free speech'

Justice Ramasubramanian said the "reasonable restrictions" on free speech for citizens, including Ministers and public functionaries, were "exhaustive". Besides, the state has an affirmative duty to protect when there is a threat to personal liberty, even by a non-State actor. The fundamental right to free speech and right to dignity could be enforced against private parties. There was no need to bring in further shackles on free speech in the guise of protecting the "competing" fundamental right to life and dignity under Article 21 of persons at the receiving end of a Minister's comments, the judgment said.

But Justice Nagarathna said a derogatory speech which closely resembled hate speech did not fall within the ambit of the free speech right. "Public functionaries and other persons of influence and celebrities, having regard to their reach, real or apparent authority and the impact they wield on the public... owe a duty to the citizenry at large to be more responsible and restrained in their speech. When such speech has the effect of infringing the fundamental right under Article 21 of another individual, it would not constitute a case which requires balancing of conflicting rights," Justice Nagarathna observed.

Justice Nagarathna said hate speech struck at the foundational values and violated the fraternity of citizens from diverse backgrounds.

Justice Ramasubramanian further held that a statement made by a Minister inconsistent with the rights of a citizen may not constitute a violation of constitutional rights of the latter.

"No one can either be taxed or penalised for holding an opinion which is not in conformity with the constitutional values. It is only when his opinion gets translated into action and such action results in injury or harm or loss that an action in tort will lie," Justice Ramasubramanian explained.

'We are against war, but will fight if forced to'

Highlighting the crucial role played by the BRO in infrastructure development in border areas, Mr. Singh said: "Recently, our forces effectively countered the adversary in the Northern sector and dealt with the situation with bravery and promptness. This was made possible due to adequate infrastructure development in the region."

The highlight of the event was the inauguration of the state-of-the-art Siyom bridge, a "100-metre-long, Class 70 steel arch superstructure over Siyom river on the Along-Yinkiong Road", the defence spokesperson in Tezpur said in a statement. "This signature bridge is of strategic importance and will facilitate speedy induction of troops, heavy equipment and mechanised vehicles to forward areas of upper Siang district, Tuting and Yinkiong region," the statement said.

103 projects in all

Of the 28 projects, eight have been constructed in Ladakh, four in Jammu and Kashmir, five in Arunachal Pradesh, three each in Sikkim, Punjab and Uttarakhand and two in Rajasthan. With the inauguration of these 28 projects, which were completed in 2022, a total of 103 infrastructure projects of the BRO were inaugurated in the year at a total cost of ₹2,897 crore, a Defence Ministry statement said. Notably, the BRO completed the construction of these critical strategic projects in record time frame, the Ministry said.

Mr. Singh also virtually inaugurated three telemedicine nodes connected with service hospitals through VSAT (Very Small Aperture Terminal) satellite communications system, one at Mizoram and two in Ladakh and will provide prompt medical intervention for medical and surgical emergencies through telemedicine consultation.

As Bharat Jodo Yatra enters Uttar Pradesh, Priyanka calls her brother a warrior

Crores spent by govt. to tarnish Rahul's image and all kinds of agencies were used against him, but he could not be stopped, says Congress general secretary; yatra to begin Haryana leg on Thursday

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Tuesday welcomed her brother Rahul Gandhi, who led his Bharat Jodo Yatra from Delhi into Uttar Pradesh, by calling him a "warrior" for standing up to the might of the Union government and big industrialists who tried to "buy" him.

"I am proud of my elder brother. Thousands of crores were spent by the government to tarnish his image and all kinds of agencies were used, but he could not be stopped. Ambani*ji* and Adani*ji* bought leaders, but couldn't buy my brother," she said.

Speaking at the Loni border, Ms. Vadra made a reference to the white T-shirt that Mr. Gandhi has been seen wearing right through the winter as the yatra traversed northern India, saying, "People say Rahul Gandhi does not feel cold even in winter; this is because he is wearing the shield of truth."

Major step: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi resumes his Bharat Jodo Yatra in New Delhi on Tuesday after a nine-day hiatus. R. V. MOORTHY

Security cover

After a nine-day hiatus, the yatra resumed from Hanuman Mandir at Kashmiri Gate in the morning and passed through the Outer Ring Road before entering Ghaziabad. A large posse of police personnel accompanied the yatra.

Ms. Vadra, who led the Congress's campaign in the 2022 Uttar Pradesh Assembly election, asked party workers to visit the localities and streets of the State and spread the message of love against hatred.

"As Rahul Gandhi said, I am opening a shop of love in the market of hatred – you also open a franchise of love in each locality and street. I thank all of our party workers," Ms. Vadra added.

Amarjit Singh Dulat, former chief of the Research and Analysis Wing (R&AW), and Opposition leaders, including National Conference leader Farooq Abdullah and Shiv Sena Rajya Sabha member Priyanka Chaturvedi, joined the yatra on Tuesday.

In Uttar Pradesh, after initially showing reluctance, all top Opposition leaders, including Samajwadi Party (SP) president Akhilesh Yadav, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati, and Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD) supermo Jayant Chaudhary, welcomed Mr. Gandhi for the Uttar Pradesh leg of the yatra, but they are unlikely to join him.

In Uttar Pradesh, the Bharat Jodo Yatra will cover a distance of 120 km before crossing over to Haryana on Thursday.

Rahul wants India to surrender before China, says BJP

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Sudhanshu Trivedi

The BJP on Tuesday accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of wanting India to "surrender" before China and of being "perpetually confused" following the latter's remarks during an interview with actor turned-politician Kamal Hassan.

BJP Spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi, addressing a press conference at the party's headquarters in New Delhi, also took a dig at Mr. Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra and said the Congress leader had become a victim of confusion during his travels.

India cannot be understood only by travelling across the country, one needs to understand Indianness, Mr. Trivedi said.

Border tensions

"Discovery of India has been going on for four generations [of Gandhi's family]," Mr. Trivedi said.

Referring to Mr. Gandhi's remarks on the border tensions in his interview with Mr. Haasan, Mr. Trivedi said, "Rahul Gandhi has made his intention clear that India should surrender before China in the same way it used to happen during his party's government."

The BJP leader added that the interview was an interaction between a "perpetually confused and tensed leader" and a "confused film star". "But he has dispelled India's illusion... His statement on China is indicating that India should bow down to China," Mr. Trivedi added.

In his interview with Mr. Haasan, Mr. Gandhi had likened India's situation vis a vis China to that of Ukraine with Russia.

Withdrawal of PMGKAY will hurt poor, benefit Centre, says Congress

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The discontinuation of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) will hurt the poor and benefit only the Narendra Modi government, the Congress said on Tuesday.

The government, the party said, was falsely trumpeting the move to give 5 kg foodgrains free to beneficiaries under the National Food Security Act as a historic decision benefiting the poor, when in fact, the monthly expenses of ration card holders would only increase.

In a statement, Congress communication chief Jairam Ramesh said the move was taken without consultations with the State governments or deliberating it in Parliament.

"The main beneficiary is the Modi government which will save over ₹1 lakh crore and not ration card holders whose spending will increase," he said.

He pointed out that for two years 81 crore ration card holders were eligible for 10 kg of food grains per person (5 kg under PMGKAY and 5 kg under NFSA), but now they will get only 5 kg.

The monthly expenditure for a family of five could now go up by ₹750, which comes to around ₹9,000 annually, he said.

He said the PMGKAY was introduced due to the deep economic distress faced by people during the pandemic and the situation had hardly improved. "Every basic necessity is more expensive than it was at the time of the UPA government, incomes of the majority of Indians have not risen and unemployment is at a record high."

He also sought to remind Mr. Modi on his own objections when the UPA government brought the NFSA. "CM Modi who opposed NFSA now claims credit for this pro-poor UPA policy. U-Turn *Ustad* strikes again," he tweeted.

Not all religious conversions are illegal: Supreme Court

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The provision under question is Section 10 of the Madhya Pradesh (Freedom of Religion) Act, 2021

The Supreme Court on Monday observed that all religious conversions cannot be presumed by a State to be illegal while agreeing to hear a Madhya Pradesh government appeal against a High Court decision freezing a mandatory provision requiring a person who desires to convert to another faith to give 60 days' prior intimation to the District Magistrate.

A Bench led by Justice M.R. Shah issued notice but refused to order an interim stay of the High Court order even as Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, for Madhya Pradesh, argued that "conversion in the country is based on marriage"

The provision under question is Section 10 of the Madhya Pradesh (Freedom of Religion) Act, 2021. Section 10(1) and (2) of the Act mandates that a person who desires to convert and a priest/person who intends to organise a conversion, respectively, should give a two-month prior declaration to the District Magistrate that the proposed change of religious faith is not motivated by force, undue influence, coercion or allurement.

Mr. Mehta said conversions largely happened in the country by marrying a person of another faith. The provision did not ban inter-faith marriage but only acted as a safeguard against forcible or illegal conversion. He contended that Section 10 of the 2021 Act was in *pari materia* [on the same subject matter] with Section 5 of the Madhya Pradesh Dharma Swatantrya Adhiniyam of 1968, which was upheld by a Constitution Bench in a judgment in *Rev. Stainislaus Vs. State of Madhya Pradesh* in 1977.

Mr. Mehta submitted that the 1977 verdict had held that the word "propagate" in Article 25 of the Constitution did not give "the right to convert another person to one's own religion, but to transmit or spread one's religion by an exposition of its tenets". The Constitution Bench had held there was "no fundamental right to convert another person to one's own religion". Freedom of religion was not guaranteed in respect of one religion only, but covered all religions alike.

He urged the court to at least restore the implementation of Section 10 of the 2021 Act to the extent that the intimation to District Magistrates may continue. He said the High Court had gravely erred in not considering the larger public interest involved against the conduct of illegal religious conversions.

"But not all conversions are illegal...," Justice Shah remarked orally. The Bench said it would examine the petition and the question of granting interim relief in the next hearing on February 7.

BJP's national executive meet on January 16, 17

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

A meeting of the BJP's national executive is scheduled to take place in New Delhi on January 16 and 17 during which it is likely to endorse the extension of J.P. Nadda's term as party president for another year.

The organisational body of the party will deliberate on its strategy for the upcoming State Assembly elections and take stock of its preparations for the 2024 Lok Sabha election, sources said.

There is a strong possibility that Mr. Nadda, whose three-year term as party president ends later this month, will get an extension in view of the upcoming elections, the sources added.

A deliberation on the countrywide programmes planned by the Narendra Modi government to mark India's Presidency of the G-20 is also likely to be one of the highlights of the meeting.

Public functionaries should be more responsible in their speech: Justice Nagarathna

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

Hate speech denies human beings the right to dignity, Justice B.V. Nagarathna said in a separate opinion in a Constitution Bench judgment on Tuesday.

Warning public functionaries, celebrities and Ministers to be careful about what they say in public, she said the right to dignity of common man cannot be sacrificed at the altar of "free speech" if the statements made by dignitaries created inequality and vilified sections of society or individuals.

> Hate speech, whatever its content may be, denies human beings the right to dignity
>
> JUSTICE NAGARATHNA

"Disparaging and vitriolic speech expressed at various levels of political authority have exacerbated a climate bordering on intolerance and tension in the society, which perhaps may lead to insecurity, it may be appropriate to sound a strong word of warning in this regard... Public functionaries and other persons of influence and celebrities, having regard to their reach, real or apparent authority and the impact they wield on the public or on a certain section thereof, owe a duty to the citizenry at large to be more responsible and restrained in their speech," she observed. Noting that human dignity is a right that is enforceable, she said "hate speech, whatever its content may be, denies human beings the right to dignity".

"Every citizen must consciously be restrained in speech, and exercise the right to freedom of speech and expression under Article 19(1)(a) only in the sense that it was intended by the framers of the Constitution to be exercised. Article 19(1)(a) does not vest with citizens unbridled liberty to utter statements which are vitriolic, derogatory, unwarranted, have no redeeming purpose and which, in no way amount to a communication of ideas," she said.

PM, CMs have no disciplinary control over members of the Council of Ministers, says SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

A Prime Minister or a Chief Minister in a country where there is a multi-party system cannot afford to crack the whip every time a Minister makes a statement which may either be in bad taste or disparaging, the Supreme Court said in a Constitution Bench judgment on Tuesday.

"The Prime Minister or the Chief Minister does not have disciplinary control over the members of the Council of Ministers," Justice V. Ramasubramanian, who authored the main judgment endorsed by three other judges on the Constitution Bench, said.

He said a "strong Prime Minister or Chief Minister

will be able to drop any Minister out of the Cabinet", but "in a country like ours where there is a multiparty system and where coalition governments are often formed, it is not possible at all times for a Prime Minister/Chief Minister to take the whip, whenever a statement is made by someone in the Council of Ministers".

"Governments which survive on wafer-thin majority sometimes have individual Ministers who are strong enough to decide the very survival of such governments. This problem is not unique to our country," he observed.

The four judges said their observations did not mean that any public official, including a Minister, could get away after making irresponsible statements, even bordering on hate speech. They were only discussing whether the government could be held vicariously liable under the principle of "collective responsibility" for the disparaging statements of a Minister. Answering the question in the negative, Justice Ramasubramanian said the collective responsibility was that of the Council of Ministers.

In call with King Charles, PM discusses G-20, climate action

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a rare gesture, King Charles III of the United Kingdom held a telephone conversation with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday and discussed India's G-20 Presidency and "digital public goods".

Mr. Modi and King Charles III, who is expected to be coronated on May 6, also focussed on the Commonwealth of Nations and ways to strengthen it further.

According to a government statement, Mr. Modi conveyed his best wishes to the King for a "very successful reign".

"A number of subjects of mutual interest were discussed during the call, including climate action, conservation of biodiversity, innovative solutions for financing energy-transition. Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for His Majesty's abiding interest and advocacy on these issues," the Ministry of External Affairs said in a press release.

It added: "Prime Minister briefed His Majesty on India's priorities for its G-20 Presidency, including propagation of digital public goods. He also explained the relevance of Mission LiFE - Lifestyle for Environment, through which India seeks to promote environmentally sustainable lifestyles."

King Charles III last visited India as the Prince of Wales in November 2019.

NIA team visits attack site in Rajouri; victims cremated in Dangri

₹10 lakh reward announced for information on militants involved; NIA yet to disclose whether it will take over the investigation of the case

The Hindu Bureau
JAMMU

A team of the National Investigation Agency (NIA) visited the attack site at Rajouri in J&K on Tuesday, where militants killed six civilians in twin attacks recently.

The police announced a reward of ₹10 lakh "for sharing any information regarding the militants involved in the attack".

The NIA team inspected the three houses where at least two attackers barged in and targeted civilians, who belonged to a particular faith, by opening indiscriminate fire. The site where the explosion took place on Monday morning was also searched for traces of explosives and an impact assessment was carried out, sources said.

The NIA has not formally announced whether it will take over the investigation of the case yet.

Sad moment: Family members and villagers in Dangri village during the cremation of the civilians who were gunned down. PTI

The attackers remain unidentified and the security agencies are yet to identify any militant outfit behind the attack.

Meanwhile, hundreds of locals gathered as last rites were performed for the victims. The victims were cremated on Tuesday in Dangri village. J&K Director-General of Police Dilbag Singh, the Divisional Commissioner and Additional Director-General of Police Mukesh Singh also attended the last rites.

In Jammu's Samba district, which shares International Border with Pakistan, the administration has imposed night curfew in one kilometre area for a period of two months from the border.

No place for terrorism, says Kharge

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Expressing anguish over attacks at J&K's Rajouri, that claimed six lives, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Tuesday that terrorism has no place in a civilised society.

"We unequivocally condemn these heinous terror attacks, particularly against Kashmiri Pandits in the State," Mr. Kharge said in a tweet.

Mirwaiz calls for dialogue on Kashmir

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, who heads the separatist Hurriyat, on Tuesday condemned the Rajouri attack.

He reiterated "the need to hold a dialogue on the Kashmir issue as unilateral decisions cannot undo the conflict". The Jammu Kashmir Liberation Front too condemned the killing.

Centre's report on J&K and statement in LS fail to add up

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Centre said that J&K received investments worth ₹56,000 crore in the past 3 years under Modi govt.

The Union Home Ministry on Tuesday said Jammu and Kashmir received investments worth ₹56,000 crore in the past three years under the Narendra Modi government in comparison to just ₹15,000 crore worth of investments "under the rule of three families" in 70 years.

The numbers are, however, contrary to the Ministry's reply in the Lok Sabha on December 13 where it said that in the fiscal years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22, the total investment stood at ₹1,084 crores.

The investments stood at ₹296.64 crore in 2019-20, ₹412.74 crore in 2020-21 and ₹376.76 crore in 2021-22.

Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai, in a written reply to the Lok Sabha on December 13, said, "Government of J&K has reported receiving proposals for investments worth approximately ₹64,000 crore so far."

The Ministry, in its 2022 year-end review, said "the explanation of *Jamhooriyat* (democracy) in Kashmir was only 3 families, 87 MLAs and 6 MPs but Shri Modi has connected 30,000 people with *Jamhooriyat* by taking democracy to the village Panch, Sarpanch, BDC [Block Development Council] and Zilla Panchayat".

"Earlier due to Article 370, Gurjar-Bakarwal and Paharis could not get the benefit of reservation in education, elections and jobs, but now after the removal of Article 370, they will all get reservation," it said.

"Under the rule of three families for 70 years, only ₹15,000 crore investment came into J&K and Shri Modi has brought investment of ₹56,000 crore in just 3 years," it added.

Home Ministry order on Ladakh Committee is vague, say members

Vijaita Singh
NEW DELHI

A day after the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) constituted a high-powered committee to "ensure protection of land and employment" for the people of Ladakh, at least two members of the committee told *The Hindu* that the notification is vague and does not address their demand for inclusion under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution.

Sixth schedule

One of the members, who did not wish to be identified, said the announcement was not up to expectations and avoids any mention of the inclusion of the Union Territory under the Sixth Schedule, a provision that entails constitutional safeguards for tribal areas.

The influential Apex Body for Leh, and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA), was scheduled to meet in Jammu on January 7. It would have been followed by a protest and a meeting with all political leaders. A member said the meeting would take place as planned.

Sajjad Kargili, a social activist and member of the committee, told *The Hindu* that the Union government has realised there is resentment in Ladakh.

"The committee has been announced as the government acknowledges that people are unhappy due to lack of representation in decision-making, and absence of safeguards for locals. The list of names in the committee is not satisfactory as the Sunni Muslim representative is not included," he said.

Mr. Kargili added that they would stick to their four demands, which includes restoration of Statehood for Ladakh.

Scientific community must work to fulfil country's requirements: Modi

The Hindu Bureau
PUNE

India's scientific community should work to make the country *aatmanirbhar* (self-reliant), Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Tuesday. He said fulfilling India's requirements should be at the root of all inspiration for the scientific community.

Making progress: Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually addressing the 108th Indian Science Congress in Nagpur. ANI

Addressing the 108th Indian Science Congress at Nagpur in Maharashtra through videoconference, Mr. Modi expressed happiness about the theme of the event this year, which combines sustainable development with women empowerment. "Our thinking is not merely to empower women through science but also empower science by the contribution of women," he said.

Highlighting the achievements of women who showcased their strength to the world, be it in partnership in small industries and businesses or leadership in the start-up world, Mr. Modi gave the example of Mudra Yojana, which has been instrumental in empowering women of India. "The increasing participation of women is proof that women and science are both progressing in the nation," he said.

With India assuming Presidency of the G-20, Mr. Modi said women-led development would be one of the high-priority subjects to be taken up by the chair.

Speaking about the results of India's tryst with the scientific approach, he said India was now among the top three nations in terms of the number of Ph.Ds and start-up ecosystems.

INBRIEF

CBI seeks time to reply to plea by Kochhars seeking release

The CBI on Tuesday sought time to prepare a reply to the plea filed by the former Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of ICICI Bank Chanda Kochhar, seeking immediate release in the bank fraud case. A Division Bench was hearing a petition filed by Ms. Kochhar and her husband Deepak. An FIR was registered in January 2019 which alleged that the ICICI bank under the leadership of Ms. Kochhar had sanctioned a credit of ₹3,250 crore to companies owned by Videocon Group which was in direct violation of The Banking Regulation Act, RBI guidelines and credit policies of banks.

Pravasi Bharatiya Samman for Darshan Singh Dhaliwal

U.S.-based billionaire Darshan Singh Dhaliwal who was denied entry into India because of his support to the 2020-21 farmers' protest has been honoured with the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award (PBSA), the highest government award for overseas Indians. Mr. Dhaliwal's name features in a list of 27 awardees that includes Israel-based restaurateur Reena Pushkarna and CEO of Fedex Raj Subramaniam. He landed at the Indira Gandhi International Airport on October 23, 2021, but was denied entry by the immigration officials. The issue snowballed with Mr. Dhaliwal hinting that he was denied permission because of his support to the farmers' protest.

Court gives bail to Kashmiri photojournalist in UAPA case

A Delhi court granted bail to Manan Dar, a Kashmiri photojournalist, who had been booked under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) by the National Investigative Agency (NIA). The court, while granting bail to Mr. Dar, maintained that the allegation against the petitioner did not appear to be cogent. He was arrested on October 2021 and had been in jail since then. The Committee to Protect Journalists confirmed that he was a freelance journalist who had contributed to several organisations. The NIA, however, claimed that he was working for Lashkar-e-Toiba and its off-shoot, and he was associated with active terrorists in Kashmir.

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WORK DETAILS	DESCRIPTION OF WORKS
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	132 kV D/C (3 Phase) transmission line from Belmuri 220 kV sub-station to proposed Belmuri 132 kV TSS. (RL ≈ 3.70 K.M. D/C-OH Line and 0.65 K.M. D/C-UG Cable)
	2 nos. 132 kV line bay at Belmuri 220/132/33 kV sub-station for supplying power to proposed Belmuri TSS.
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	1 no. 132 kV AIS line bay at Chalsa 132 kV sub-station for supplying power to proposed New Mal TSS.
PROJECT-3	132 kV terminal arrangement at Falimari 132 kV TSS.
	132 kV S/C (2 phase) transmission line on D/C Tower from Dinhata 132 kV GI sub-station to proposed Falimari 132 kV TSS. (RL ≈ 7.60 K.M. S/C on D/C Tower-OH Line)
	1 no. 132 kV GIS line bay at Dinhata 132/33 kV GI sub-station for supplying power to proposed Falimari TSS.
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	1 no. 132 kV GIS line bay at Mathabhanga 132/33 kV GI sub-station for supplying power to proposed Mathabhanga TSS.
PROJECT-5	Kuilapur 220 kV GI sub-station including supply of power transformer.
	D/C LILO of STPS-Asansol 220 kV D/C line at proposed Kuilapur 220 kV GI sub-station. (RL ≈ 0.25 K.M. D/C and 0.68 K.M. D/C on M/C Tower-OH Line)
PROJECT-6	Saltora 132/33 kV GI sub-station with 4 nos. 132 kV Feeder Bays, 2 x 31.5 MVA, 132/33 kV Transformer Bay and 12 nos. 33 kV Feeder Bays.
	D/C LILO of Bankura-Raghunathpur 132 kV D/C transmission line at proposed Saltora 132 kV GI sub-station. (RL ≈ 14.70 K.M. D/C-OH Line)
PROJECT-7	132 kV and 33 kV bay for 4th 50 MVA transformer and supply and erection of 2 nos. earthing transformer at existing Uluberia 132 kV sub-station.
PROJECT-8	132 kV GIS bay and 33 kV outdoor AIS bay for 3rd 50 MVA transformer along with construction of 5 nos. 33 kV outdoor AIS bay and supply and erection of earthing transformer in existing Bajkul 132 kV sub-station.
PROJECT-9	220 kV and 132 kV outdoor AIS bay for 3rd 160 MVA transformer along with construction of outdoor 132 kV AIS and indoor 33 kV bay for 3rd 50 MVA transformer including extension of 33 kV control room at Sadaipur 220 kV sub-station.
PROJECT-10	400 kV and 220 kV outdoor AIS bay for 4th 315 MVA transformer including supply and erection of 315 MVA transformer at New Chanditala 400 kV sub-station.
PROJECT-11	132 kV and 33 kV bay for 4th 50 MVA transformer and associated works at existing Arambag 400 kV sub-station.

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INBRIEF

Siachen's Kumar Post gets first woman Army officer

Captain Shiva Chouhan, an officer from the Corps of Electronics and Mechanical Engineers, became the first woman officer to be operationally deployed at Kumar Post in the Siachen Glacier, which is located at an altitude of 15,632 feet. "Capt. Shiva Chouhan of Fire and Fury Sappers became the first woman officer to be operationally deployed in Kumar Post, post completion of arduous training, at the highest battlefield of the world Siachen," the Army's Leh-based 14 Corps said on Twitter. Deployments on the glacier are generally for a period of three months.

Another Russian found dead in Odisha; third in a fortnight

Another Russian national was found dead in Odisha on Tuesday, the third such incident in a fortnight. Police said the 51-year-old man, identified as Milyakov Sergey, was found dead in a ship anchored at Paradip Port in Jagatsinghpur district around 4.30 a.m. He was the chief engineer of the vessel, M. B. Aldnah, which was on its way to Mumbai from Chittagong Port in Bangladesh via Paradip. The police could not immediately ascertain the cause of his death. Paradip Port Trust Chairman P. L. Haranand confirmed the death of the Russian engineer and said an investigation was under way. PTI

Armed Pakistani intruder shot dead at Punjab border

An armed Pakistani intruder was shot dead by the Border Security Force (BSF) along the India-Pakistan international border in Punjab on January 3, officials said. The infiltration bid was detected in Gurdaspur's Ajnala sector around 8 a.m. and the troops subsequently recovered the body of a man along with a weapon. The intruder was found armed with a sophisticated modified 'Pump Action' shotgun, which can fire more than one shot. This was the first incident in 2023 where a Pakistani intruder was killed along the border. The force also recovered one kg of suspected heroin from a drone it retrieved on Monday, which it had shot down in the Kassowal area of the Gurdaspur sector on December 31. PTI

Cinema halls can decide on permitting outside food: SC

The Supreme Court on Tuesday ruled that the owners of cinema halls can determine whether outside food should be permitted within the theatre precincts. The court set aside a direction of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court which had directed multiplex and cinema hall owners there not to prohibit movie goers from carrying their own food articles and water inside the theatres. Hearing a batch of pleas challenging the direction, a Bench of Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud and Justice P.S. Narasimha observed that cinema hall is a private property of the owner, who is entitled to have terms and conditions so long as they are not contrary to public interest, safety and welfare. PTI

Changing address on Aadhaar now made easier

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) announced on Tuesday that residents would once again be able to change their address on Aadhaar card by having the "head of family" endorse their request.

Anyone above the age of 18 can act as a head of family, and can update the address on the card for a relative he/she lives with, by providing a proof of their relationship, such as marriage certificate, passport, birth certificate, or ration card.

The head of family receives an SMS after the applicant pays ₹50, and has to go on the UIDAI website to validate the request.

In the past, the UIDAI allowed any resident to request an address validation letter. Following this, a secret code was sent by post to the endorser, who would then be able to get the applicant's request for address change processed. This feature, which did not require a proof of relationship document, was discontinued in 2021.

SC raises concern on small fishermen hit by purse seine nets

Court asks Centre to file an affidavit for interim solution while hearing a plea against reversal of T.N.'s order banning such fishing in deep sea

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Centre what would happen to the small and traditional fishermen in the State of Tamil Nadu if "affluent" purse seine fishermen on mechanised boats are allowed to operate beyond the 12 nautical mile territorial waters and end up catching hundreds of tonnes of fish.

The court is hearing a petition filed by 'Fishermen Care' to stay a Tamil Nadu government order of February 17, 2020, which had banned the large nets used to catch schools of fish in the deep waters of the sea.

On Tuesday, purse seiners urged the court to devise an interim arrangement by which they could operate outside 12 nautical miles before the ongoing fishing season in the State came to an end.

Livelihood matters: The Centre said a national plan would be drawn on purse seine fishing regulations in six months. FILE PHOTO

Additional Solicitor General K.M. Nataraj, for the Union, said purse seine fishing could be allowed outside 12 nautical miles from the Tamil Nadu coast for 15 days in a given month except during the 60-day uniform fishing ban period.

"If larger fishermen operating beyond the 12 nautical miles take all the catch, what would happen to these smaller fishermen? Is it not a concern of the Centre to go into all this and take a decision?" Justice A.S. Bopanna asked Mr. Nataraj.

Mr. Nataraj said a national comprehensive plan would be drawn on purse seine fishing and regulations in six months. However, the court pointed out that the need was now and not after six months. It directed the Union to file an affidavit on how purse seine fishing is regulated in other States so that an interim arrangement could be made for purse seine fishing in T.N. beyond the 12 nautical miles.

Agnipath scheme is game changer for Army: Rajnath

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Rajnath Singh

Agnipath is a game changer scheme for the Armed Forces and it is going to act as force multiplier in making the Indian military as one of the best in the world with its youthful, high-tech and ultra-modern outlook, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Tuesday.

At an event, the Defence Ministry, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, and the three Services (Indian Army, Navy and Air Force), signed and exchanged Memorandums of Understanding (MoU)/Agreements with various stakeholders to facilitate the continued education of Agniveers while serving in the Armed Forces, and the award of appropriate skill certificates.

Under these MoUs with the National Institute of Open Schooling and the Indira Gandhi National Open University, suitable Class 12 certificates and Bachelor's degrees will be awarded to the Agniveers, respectively, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The job roles and skill sets of the Agniveers have been mapped with National Occupational Standards (NOS), in coordination with National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Sector Skill Councils, the Ministry said, and based on these qualifications, 'Kaushal Praman Patra' will be issued to the Agniveers at the time of their exit.

In a video message, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that the agreements would empower serving Agniveers to get the maximum benefit from their academic education and skill development.

Permanent members not in hurry to see UN reforms: Jaishankar

Press Trust of India
VIENNA

Developing countries remain vastly under-represented, says Minister of External Affairs

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has slammed the slow pace of UN reforms. He alleged that those who are enjoying the benefits of permanent membership are not in a hurry to see reforms.

"You will have a situation when the world's most populous country is not among the permanent members of the Security Council, what does it say about the state of the UN," Mr. Jaishankar said in an interview to Austria's national broadcaster *ORF* on Monday.

"I can see a growing body of opinion among UN members who believe that they must be changed. It's not just us," he said, adding, "You have entire Africa and Latin America left out, with developing countries under-represented"

On 'epicentre' remark

Mr. Jaishankar said that he could have used "much harsher words than epicentre" for Pakistan for its role in promoting cross-border terrorism and said the world needs to be concerned about terrorism.

The Minister also criticised European nations for not condemning the (terrorism) practices that have been going on for decades.

"So, when we speak about judgments and principles, why don't I hear sharp European condemnation of these practices which have been going on for multiple decades?" he asked in response to a question.

Mr. Jaishankar is in Austria on the second leg of his two-nation tour. This is the first EAM-level visit to Austria in 27 years.

Audiobook platforms settle disputes on copyright

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Pocket FM and Kuku FM, two large audiobook and podcast platforms, settled copyright disputes that they had been fighting in the Delhi High Court for months, according to court documents reviewed by *The Hindu*. The settlement was signed on December 16, 2022.

The first suit arose when Pocket FM sued Kuku FM for publishing summaries of books for which the Hindi audio version rights were licensed exclusively to the former. The other one came up when Kuku FM sued Pocket FM for publishing the audiobook version of a book. In November, Kuku FM had agreed to take down the audiobook summaries. Pocket FM removed the book saying it acted in good faith assuming that it was in the public domain. Both parties agreed to drop the outstanding pending suits.

Delhi hit-and-run case: police trace victim's companion

Samridhi Tewari
NEW DELHI

Two days after a 20-year-old woman was dragged to death for over 12 kilometres in outer Delhi area on Sunday, the police have traced her friend, Nidhi, who had been with her at the time of the accident but fled soon after.

According to Ms. Nidhi's statement, she and Anjali had seen a car speeding towards them and it didn't stop even after it hit Anjali. Had they stopped, Anjali would have survived, she reportedly said. She told the police that while they both fell after the car hit, only Anjali fell towards the car and she herself "left the spot fearing consequences".

Special CP (law and order zone II) Sagar Preet Hooda said on Tuesday that Ms. Nidhi's statement has been recorded under Section 164 of Cr.PC (Code of Criminal Procedure) and called this development "a significant one".

Meanwhile, Mr. Hooda said that the postmortem report indicated that there was no injury that suggested sexual assault.

Up in arms: Protesters gather outside Sultanpuri Police Station seeking justice in Anjali death case, on Tuesday. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Funeral procession

Anjali's body was cremated at around 6.30 p.m. on Tuesday amid heavy security. A large number of police personnel along with some Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) jawans were deployed for the funeral procession.

The procession, which started from the victim's house in Sultanpuri's Aman Vihar to Shiv Puri crematorium in Mangolpuri, was attended by hundreds of people, protesting and chanting slogans like "*Anjali ke hatyaaron ko faansi do* (hang Anjali's killers)".

As the procession moved, minor clashes broke out between the police and the victim's family at some points over the route with the latter blocking and protesting in front of police cars.

Meanwhile, Anjali's mother Rekha Singh said she did not know "the other girl who was on the scooter, and had never seen her".

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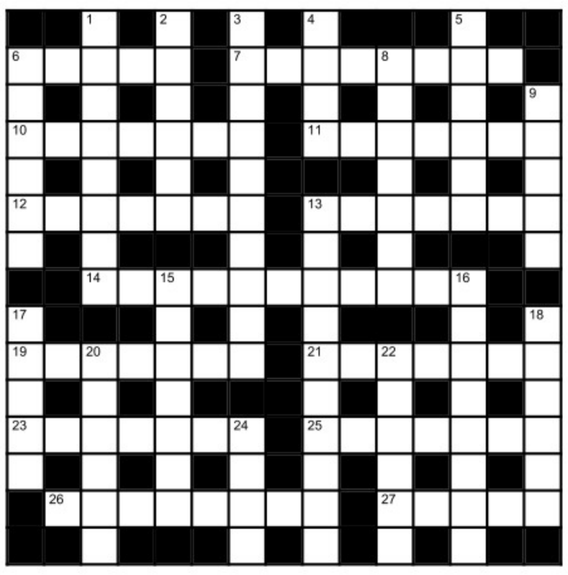

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6 Caterwaul and attack one in the middle (5)
7 Misery under long pine (8)
10 Trade non-taxable - no tax in this country (7)
11 Record followed by a record that's hollow - reject it (7)
12 Wild pig with a growth to match (7)
13 Happiness seeing a Muslim in a chapel (7)
14 Defoliant used - not within age limits (5,6)
19 Regular one comes in to join (7)
21 Spray for salesroom, perhaps it's open at both ends (7)
23 Fuel oil at the bottom will catch fire (7)
25 Rush back over the base, troop leader's at the lowest level (7)
26 Bear's breeches can therefore follow one (8)
27 First lot goes into lot of compost (5)

Down

1 Perhaps carry contents up to the capital (8)
2 Wrap up the last of the strudel in a piece of cake (6)
3 Real thing about student admission - could be a regular feature before exams (3-7)
4 Eat up in an Oklahoma city (4)
5 Rate for a small piece of canvas (6)
6 Country gets a point from another country (6)
8 Greek character represented by state with wild lions (7)
9 Summer slithers away (5)
13 I do mix with Germans and over indulge on food (10)
15 Raising clamour to have idly regularly is omission (7)
16 Wind perhaps set in too soon (8)
17 Penny on fish, not on song (5)
18 How chickens grasp? (6)
20 Cricket side on a controversy - disheartened by what they inherited (6)
22 Hey! Rum cocktail is watery (6)
24 One chooses to suppress the report (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Always with Sri

Ashtakshara mantra, dhvaya mantra and carama sloka are all important to Sri Vaishnavas. But dhvaya has a special place, said Kazhiyur B. Devarajan, in a discourse.

Ashtakshara, also known as Thirumantra, shows us what there is. Carama sloka urges us to act according to prescribed tenets. But dhvaya is the one most suitable for anushtana and anusandhana. Thirumantra is mantra rahasya; carama sloka is vidhi rahasya; and dhvaya mantra is anusandhana rahasya. In Thirumantra, the connection with Sri is not openly spoken of. But in dhvaya, it is explicit, both in the poorva bhaga and uttara bhaga. Again in the Thirumantra, the saving feet of the Lord are not clearly elaborated upon. The carama sloka too speaks of surrender to Lord Narayana, but it does not spell out the significance of His feet as our refuge. But in the dhvaya mantra, the word charanau is used, indicating that it is His feet that we should seek.

Kooratazhvan's Varadaraja stava brings out the meaning of the dhvaya mantra. Kooratazhvan in sloka two of Varadaraja stava, uses the word "nidhim", meaning wealth, three times. The first time he uses the word, he prefixes it with "Sri", and says Srinidhim, showing the importance of the Lord's Consort. Lord Narayana is Her wealth, and She in turn, is the Lord's wealth. They are the inseparable Divine Couple. The Goddess speaks on our behalf to the Lord. She draws His attention to our plight. One of the names of Lord Narayana is Sriman. When we say buddhiman or balavaan, it means one who is intelligent and one who has physical strength, respectively. Likewise, when we say Sriman, it means One who has Sri with him.

AFRICA

28 civilians killed in Burkina Faso ethnic attack, alleges rights group

AP

Militia groups supporting Burkina Faso's Army have killed dozens of civilians of the ethnic Fulani group, a local rights group charged on Tuesday. The supporters killed 28 civilians last week in Nouna town claimed Daouda Diallo. Burkina Faso's government said it has launched a probe into the killings of at least 28 people. AP

SOUTH KOREA

Seoul says talks under way over joint nuclear exercises with U.S.

AP

South Korea and the U.S. are discussing joint planning and implementation of operations involving U.S. nuclear assets to counter North Korea's threats, Seoul's presidential office said on Tuesday. The statement came shortly after Joe Biden said the U.S. was not discussing joint nuclear exercises with South Korea. REUTERS

INFLATION

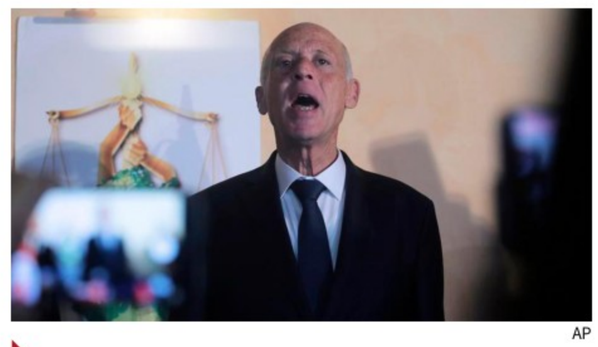
Strike over rising cost of living affects British rail services

AFP

The U.K. rail staff disrupted the New Year return to work on Tuesday in the latest strike action by workers in a range of sectors over the worst cost-of-living crisis in a generation. Workers across the economy are at loggerheads with the government as they demand big pay rises to cope with high inflation running at nearly 11%. AFP

TUNIS

Tunisia Opposition says hit by politically motivated probes



AP

The main coalition against Tunisian President Kais Saied (picture) said on Tuesday his administration was using the judiciary to close down Opposition to his rule. Ahmed Nejib Chebbi, president of the National Salvation Front, said he and three others had been summoned for investigation after a complaint by Abir Moussi. AFP

China warns of measures against 'unacceptable' travel restrictions

A number of countries have imposed special requirements on travellers from China, such as pre-departure PCR tests; Beijing says entry restrictions should not be used for political manipulation and it does not believe they are 'science-based'

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

New steps: Passengers waiting to board domestic flight at Shanghai Pudong International Airport on Tuesday. After lockdown was lifted, China has reported at least '30 known Omicron variant' cases. AFP

The Chinese government said on Tuesday it would take "corresponding measures" based on "reciprocity" as it slammed what it called "unacceptable" travel restrictions imposed recently by many countries on travellers from China.

Following the surge in COVID-19 cases in China in the wake of the phasing out of "zero-COVID" measures on December 7, a number of countries have imposed special travel requirements on travellers from the country, such as requiring pre-departure PCR tests. With Beijing stopping mass testing and no longer announcing accurate daily numbers, some countries have expressed concerns on the possibility of new variants emerging, as the country reports tens of thousands of new cases.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning on Tuesday said "many countries have responded warmly" to China's opening. "We stand ready to step up communication with the rest of the international community and work together to prevail over COVID. Meanwhile, we do not believe the entry restriction measures some countries have taken against China are science-based," she said.

"Some of these measures are disproportionate and simply unacceptable. We firmly reject using COVID measures for political purposes and will take corresponding measures in response to varying situations based on the principle of reciprocity... They should not be used for political manipulation, there should not be discriminatory measures against certain countries, and measures should not affect normal travel and people-to-people exchange and cooperation."

It remains unclear what response China might take, as Beijing, which is still continuing its three year-long practice of quarantining all international arrivals until January 8 when it finally opens its borders, will itself require all travellers to China to take PCR tests before travelling to the country once it stops mandatory quarantines next week.

No new variants

Meanwhile, Chinese authorities have said no new variants have emerged in screening of cases in China. Ms. Mao said China had shared the genome data of latest cases through the Global Initiative on Sharing Avian Influenza Data platform.

So far, "at least 30 known Omicron variants" had shown up in screening in Shanghai, the Communist Party-run *Global Times* quoted researchers as saying on Tuesday.

In addition to the dominant BA.5.2 variant in southern China and BF.7 in the north, both of which had already been detected in the West, sub-variants BQ.1 and XBB were recently detected in Shanghai among international arrivals, the report said.

In recent days, viral social media posts about XBB have triggered a massive rush to purchase stomach medicines in several Chinese cities because of concerns of the variant triggering digestive problems. Even as many countries continue to worry about new variants emerging, within China there has been alarm about variants such as XBB coming into the country, amid the continued surge of local cases.

Since the December 7 opening, the country has seen what is essentially its first major national wave of COVID-19 cases.

While most have reported to have been mild according to the National Health Commission, the sheer number of cases has placed enormous pressure on the hospital system.

Israel's Ben-Gvir visits Al-Aqsa compound in Jerusalem, Palestinians raise protests

Reuters
JERUSALEM

Provocative move: Israel Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir visiting Al-Aqsa compound in Jerusalem on Tuesday. TWITTER/@ITAMARBENGVIR

Israel's far-right National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir briefly visited the compound that houses the Al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem on Tuesday, a move condemned by Palestinians as provocative and despite warnings it could lead to violence.

"The Temple Mount is open to all," Mr. Ben-Gvir said on Twitter, using the Jewish name for the site. An accompanying photograph showed him strolling at the periphery of the compound, surrounded by a clutch of bodyguards and flanked by a fellow Orthodox Jew.

An Israeli official said the quarter-hour visit took place in accordance with a so-called status quo arrangement, dating back decades, that allows non-Muslims to visit on condition they do not pray. It passed without incident, the official said.

The rise of Mr. Ben-Gvir, leader of the Jewish Power party, to join a religious-nationalist coalition under re-elected Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has deepened Palestinians' anger over the long frustrations of their goal of statehood.

The Palestinian Foreign Ministry said it "strongly condemns the storming of Al-Aqsa mosque by the extremist Minister Ben-Gvir and views it as unprecedented provocation and a dangerous escalation of the conflict".

A spokesman for Hamas, the Palestinian Islamist group, said Al-Aqsa "will remain Palestinian, Arab and Islamic... and no fascist can change this fact".

'Times have changed'

There was no indication that Mr. Ben-Gvir approached the mosque, however. Once an advocate of ending the ban on Jewish prayer at the compound, he has, since taking office, spoken in a more non-committal way about a need to enforce "non-discrimination" there.

"If Hamas thinks that it can deter me with threats, it should understand that times have changed," Mr. Ben-Gvir said on Twitter. "There is a government in Jerusalem!"

On Monday, a Jewish Power lawmaker, Almog Cohen, told Israel's Kan radio that the party's "aspiration is – yes, God willing, for all religions to be able to pray on the Temple Mount". But Mr. Netanyahu, now in his sixth term as Premier, has pledged to preserve the "status quo" around holy sites. The Al-Aqsa compound, known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary, is Islam's third-holiest site. It is also Judaism's most sacred site, a vestige of two ancient temples of the faith. Israel deems all of Jerusalem its indivisible capital – a status not recognised internationally.

Pak. to shut malls, markets early in energy saving plan

Reuters
ISLAMABAD

Khawaja Asif

Pakistan's government has ordered all malls and markets to close by 8:30 p.m. among other measures in a new energy conservation plan, the Defence Minister said on Tuesday, as the country grapples with an economic crisis.

Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves barely cover a month's worth of imports, most of which are accounted for by energy purchases from abroad, with funds expected under an International Monetary Fund (IMF) programme having been delayed.

Khawaja Asif said the Cabinet-approved measures to shut markets aimed to save the cash-strapped country about 62 billion Pakistani rupees ($273 million).

He said additional immediate measures included shutting wedding halls by 10 p.m. daily. Mr. Asif also said Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had ordered all government departments to reduce electricity consumption by 30%. The move comes as Pakistan struggles to quell default fears in domestic and international markets, with a $1.1 billion IMF bailout tranche stuck due to differences over the ninth programme review.

Other critical multilateral and bilateral financing avenues are also linked to the IMF programme, which means the South Asian nation of 220 million people is hard-pressed to meet external financing needs of over $30 billion up until June 2023.

Iran upholds 2 executions, overturns three others

Agence France-Presse
TEHRAN

Iran on Tuesday upheld two death sentences for the killing of a paramilitary during nationwide protests, the judiciary said, but ordered retrials for three others on death row.

Following a review, the appeals of Mohammad Mahdi Karami and Seyed Mohammad Hosseini "were not found to be valid, so their sentences were upheld," the SC said. The sentences against Hamid Ghare-Hasanlou, Hossein Mohammadi and Reza Aria were overturned.

Biden to renominate Garcetti as India envoy

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

President Joe Biden still wants former Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, who has been shadowed by a controversy over sexual harassment, to serve as his ambassador to India.

He plans to renominate Mr. Garcetti as the new congressional session begins, according to a White House official who spoke on condition of anonymity to preview the upcoming announcement.

Mr. Garcetti was originally nominated several months after Mr. Biden took office, but he never received a vote of the full Senate. He's faced accusations of turning a blind eye to misconduct by a top aide in his mayor's office. Mr. Garcetti has repeatedly denied being aware of the allegations.

All told, the White House on Tuesday will resubmit 85 nominations out of roughly 175 that fell short in the last congressional session.

Mr. Biden will also continue pushing Phil Washington, the chief executive of Denver International Airport, to lead the Federal Aviation Administration and Danny Werfel, a managing director at the Boston Consulting Group, to lead the Internal Revenue Service. Mr. Werfel previously held the job on an acting basis under President Barack Obama. The plans were first reported by *The Wall Street Journal*.

CANTONMENT BOARD

St. Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram, North Parade Road, Chennai - 600 016.

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Cantonment Board, St. Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram invites offline applications in the prescribed format from eligible candidates for direct recruitment to the below mentioned Posts:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Pay Scale (Rs.)	Total No. of Posts	No. of Vacancies						
				PH (Low vision)	ESM	SC	ST	OBC	UR	EWS
1.	Lower Division Clerk	Level 8 (19500-62000)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
2.	Secondary Grade Assistant (Teacher)	Level 10 (20600-65500)	4	1	-	-	1	-	1	1
3.	Plumber	Level 8 (19500-62000)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
4.	Mason	Level 8 (19500-62000)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
5.	Electrical Helper	Level 5 (18200-57900)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
6.	Midwife	Level 8 (19500- 62000)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
7.	Nursing Orderly	Level 2 (15900-50400)	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
8.	Ayah	Level 1 (15700-50000)	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
9.	Latchi	Level 1 (15700-50000)	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
10.	Watchman	Level 1 (15700-50000)	5	-	1	-	-	1	3	-
11.	Safaiwala	Level 1 (15700-50000)	10	1	1	-	1	3	3	1
		Total	**28**	**2**	**3**	**-**	**2**	**5**	**14**	**2**

Abbrevations: UR-Unreserved, SC-Scheduled Caste, ST-Schedule Tribe, OBC-Other Backward Caste, EWS-Economically Weaker Section, PH-Physically Handicapped (Low vision only), ESM-Ex-Service Men

Note: Number of vacancies/posts may vary as per administrative exigencies/approval.

Instructions:

01. Detailed Advertisement, Format of the Application Form and other information is available on website i.e. **https://stm.cantt.gov.**in. The Applicants shall submit their applications, complete in all aspects, to **Chief Executive Officer, Cantonment Board, St Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram, North Parade Road, St. Thomas Mount, Tamilnadu, Chennai-600 016** through **post only**. The last date for receipt of offline applications is **15.02.2023 till 06.15 pm**. However, for the candidates residing in Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tripura, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Lahaul & Spiti District and Pangi (Sub-Division of Chamba District of Himachal Pradesh), Andaman Nicobar and Lakshadweep islands, the last date for receipt of offline application is **28.02.2023, till 06.15 pm**. No applications by hand will be accepted.
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St.Thomas Mount cum Pallavaram
Cantonment

INBRIEF

Sanjay Mudaliar takes charge as IOB's Executive Director

Sanjay Mudaliar assumed charge as the Executive Director of Indian Overseas Bank. Earlier, he was the Chief General Manager and Chief Technology Officer of Bank of Baroda (BoB) A postgraduate in Science and Technology and a Certified Project Management Practitioner from London, he held the position of CTO of BoB's global operations spanning 17 countries, the public sector lender said. He had been associated with BoB in various capacities for the last 25 years.

Adani to pay ₹48.65 more/shr. to match price paid to Roys

Gautam Adani group said it will pay an additional ₹48.65 a share to NDTV stockholders who tendered shares in its open offer to help match what it had paid to buy out a stake of the news broadcaster's founders. Adani Enterprises, in a filing, said it will pay an additional ₹48.65 per NDTV share to investors, who had sold their shares in an open offer between November 22 and December 5, matching what it paid to buy Prannoy Roy and Radhika Roy's stake. PTI

Google says CCI copied parts of EU order on Android abuse

Google has told a tribunal in India that the country's antitrust investigators copied parts of a European ruling against the U.S. firm for abusing the market dominance of its Android operating system, arguing the decision be quashed, legal papers showed. The Competition Commission of India (CCI) in October fined Alphabet Inc.'s Google $161 million for exploiting its dominant position in markets such as online search and the Android app store. REUTERS

India said to eye $17 bn cut in food, fertilizer subsidy spend

The 26% reduction in subsidy spending is aimed at reining in fiscal deficit, two government officials say; large part of savings expected from the end of a COVID-era free food scheme

Reuters

India aims to cut spending on food and fertilizer subsidies to ₹3.7 trillion in the fiscal year from April, a 26% cut from this year, two government officials said, to rein in a fiscal deficit that ballooned during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Food and fertilizer subsidies alone account for about one-eighth of India's total budget spending of ₹39.45 trillion this fiscal year, but reductions in food subsidies in particular may prove politically sensitive with elections looming on the horizon.

Belt tightening

To rein in fiscal deficit, Centre aims to curb spending on subsidies that account for about an eighth of total budgeted expenditure

- Govt. expects to set aside about ₹2.3 tn for food subsidies next fiscal year compared with ₹2.7 tn in the current year
- Spending on fertilizer subsidies will likely fall to about ₹1.4 tn, from almost ₹2.3 tn in the current fiscal
- Fiscal deficit for the current fiscal year is targeted at 6.4% of GDP

The government expects to budget about ₹2.3 trillion for food subsidies in the coming fiscal year, compared with ₹2.7 trillion for the current year, the two officials said.

Spending on fertilizer subsidies will likely fall to about ₹1.4 trillion, according to one of the officials and a third official. That compares with almost ₹2.3 trillion this year, the third official added.

A large part of the savings will come from the end of a COVID 19-era free food scheme, which will be replaced with a lower-spending programme, the first two officials said. The government is eager to rein in its fiscal deficit, which is targeted at 6.4% of GDP for the current fiscal year.

'China factory activity drops further on COVID surge'

Reuters
BEIJING

China's factory activity shrank at a sharper pace in December as surging COVID-19 infections disrupted production and weighed on demand after Beijing largely removed anti-virus curbs, a private sector survey showed on Tuesday.

The Caixin/Markit manufacturing purchasing managers' index (PMI) fell to 49.0 in December from 49.4 in November. The index has stayed below the 50-point that separates growth from contraction for five straight months.

The reading was the lowest since September but beat analysts' forecast.

'States' borrowings in January-March may fall short of target'

Reuters
MUMBAI

States may not borrow as much as planned for in the current quarter, which will help keep the spread between State and central government bond yields in check, analysts said.

States plan to sell bonds worth ₹3.41 trillion, the highest quarterly borrowing ever scheduled, in the last three months of the financial year, according to a calendar of planned State borrowings released by the Reserve Bank of India.

States' cash balances with the RBI remain high, reflecting their comfortable fiscal position

"The actual issuance is likely to be lower, based on historical pattern and States' fiscal performance," said Gaura Sen Gupta, India economist at IDFC First Bank. States' cash balances with the RBI remain high, reflecting their comfortable fiscal position, she added.

'RBI likely sold dollars to stop rupee falling below 83 level'

Reuters
MUMBAI

The Reserve Bank of India likely sold dollars via state-run banks to prevent the rupee from falling below the 83-per-U.S. dollar level, traders told Reuters.

On the interbank order matching system, rupee fell to a low of 82.9950 against the dollar.

The way the rupee recovered from 83 and the offers from state-run banks point to the Reserve Bank of India, said a trader at a private sector bank.

Govt. raises windfall tax on crude oil, export of diesel, ATF

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The government has raised the windfall profit tax levied on domestically-produced crude oil as well as on the export of diesel and ATF, in line with firming international oil prices, according to an official order.

The levy on crude oil produced by companies such as Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has been increased to ₹2,100 per tonne from ₹1,700 per tonne, according to the order dated January 2.

The government has also raised the tax on the export of diesel to ₹6.5 per litre, from ₹5 and the same on overseas shipments of ATF to ₹4.5 a litre, from ₹1.5 a litre.

The new tax rates are effective from January 3.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	TUESDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	61,294	0.21
US Dollar	83.00	-0.27
Gold	55,940	0.98
Brent oil	84.42	–.–

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	3830.95	-10.25
Adani Ports	820.45	-1.85
Apollo Hosp	4490.90	36.55
Asian Paints	3028.25	-19.00
Axis Bank	962.30	20.70
Bajaj Auto	3601.70	27.75
Bajaj Finserv	1563.00	10.50
Bajaj Finance	6606.25	52.50
Bharti Airtel	817.60	4.10
BPCL	336.85	3.00
Britannia Ind	4241.85	-50.30
Cipla	1075.90	4.95
Coal India	224.10	-0.65
Divis Lab	3393.00	20.35
Dr Reddys Lab	4238.35	3.30
Eicher Motors	3213.45	-15.40
Grasim Ind	1717.05	-14.25
HCL Tech	1041.35	1.90
HDFC	2664.70	12.30
HDFC Bank	1639.35	10.65
HDFC Life	595.60	25.30
Hero MotoCorp	2720.40	4.50
Hindalco	479.90	-7.15
Hind Unilever	2542.05	-16.35
ICICI Bank	901.35	-1.10
IndusInd Bank	1240.95	14.60
Infosys	1522.55	-1.45
ITC	331.10	-1.75
JSW Steel	767.90	-7.40
Kotak Bank	1832.85	7.80
L&T	2088.95	-0.50
M&M	1249.30	-13.55
Maruti Suzuki	8382.75	-20.55
NestleIndia	19727.30	165.75
NTPC	167.60	-0.40
ONGC	149.55	-0.90
PowerGrid Corp	215.60	0.55
Reliance Ind	2557.05	-18.85
SBI Life	1268.40	28.35
State Bank	612.40	0.20
Sun Pharma	1009.10	12.10
TataConsumerProduct	767.15	4.85
Tata Motors	393.90	-0.90
Tata Steel	118.45	-0.80
TCS	3311.35	49.90
Tech Mahindra	1023.80	14.30
Titan	2613.60	47.85
UltraTech Cement	6993.60	-24.35
UPL	719.35	-2.65
Wipro	397.05	4.00

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on January 03

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.68	83.00
Euro	87.04	87.38
British Pound	98.53	98.92
Japanese Yen (100)	63.28	63.53
Chinese Yuan	11.97	12.02
Swiss Franc	88.05	88.40
Singapore Dollar	61.41	61.66
Canadian Dollar	60.63	60.86
Malaysian Ringitt	18.74	18.86
Australian Dollar	55.36	55.63

Source:Indian Bank

Granules plans to set up ₹2,000-cr. 'green' pharma unit in A.P.

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Drugmaker Granules India plans to set up a raw material manufacturing unit in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, based on sustainability components such as carbon-free energy.

Key starting materials, intermediates, active pharmaceutical ingredients and fermentation-based products would be made at the facility to be built at an estimated cost of ₹2,000 crore over five years.

Greenko ZeroC would supply carbon-free energy and enable green hydrogen along with its various chemical derivatives.

"The partnership with Greenko will power our sustainability journey by minimising carbon footprint," said Granules India CMD Krishna Prasad Chigurupati said. Greenko CEO and MD Anil Kumar Chalamalasetty said the partnership would make industrial manufacturing more sustainable.

Granules India's Krishna Prasad Chigurupati (right) with Greenko Group's Mahesh Kolli.

Weak global demand in 2023 to moderately impact exports: GTRI

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Indian economy and exports will be moderately impacted in 2023 by weak global demand and recession in large economies and to improve its current account, the country should aim at reducing energy import bill, said economic think tank GTRI.

The Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said in 2022, India would pay $270 billion for import of crude oil and coal, or about 40% of the total merchandise import bill.

"India must re-energise the exploration of local oil fields and enhance production through coal mines," it said. "Any development will cut the energy import bill substantially and improve current account."

It said the U.S.' efforts to create alternative supply chains, excluding China, was gradually leading to restructuring of global supply chains and relocation of a few large manufacturing firms shows India was in a good position to benefit from the trend.

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SHORT TERM PERCENTAGE TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through e-Procurement only)

1) No. EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-2/2022-23 T.N. No-60 Date: 30.12.2022
2) No. EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-2/2022-23 T.N. No-61 Date: 30.12.2022
3) No. EE/UTPDN/SMG/KNNL/PB-2/2022-23 T.N. No-48Call2 Date: 30.12.2022

On Behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bengaluru, the Under signed invites tender Through e-portal system from Eligible contractors for fourteen(14) works coming under Head of Account 4701.
1) Apprx. Amount put to tender as per estimation is from **45.60 lakhs to 89.40 lakhs**
2) Last date for questions/clarifications regarding the tender: **04.01.2023 up to 17.30hrs**.
3) Date for Submission of filled tenders from **30.12.2022 to 07.01.2023 up to 17.30 hrs (During office Hours)**
Further details on date of opening the Tender /Detail of work E.M.D. Amount/Terms and Conditions of the tender/Class of Contractor, Etc, can be obtained in the Tender Notification or from the office of the Under signed during office hours or in website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. For further details the office of the undersigned can be contacted during office hours on phone no.08182-254832.Information can be obtained through **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

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DIPR/SMG/No.07/ZENKAR/2022-23 **KNNL,U.T.P., Division, Shivamogga**

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KOLAR DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LIMITED., KOLAR
[P.B No. 63, N.H-75, Huthur Post, Kolar – 563102. Karnataka]
(Ph.No 08152-282 310/350/331,7760964517,
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IFT No. KMU/ PUR/ E-PROCUREMENT/ 8071 /2022-23 Date: 02.01.2023
**** E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION ****
The Kolar Milk Union Limited, Kolar invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the supply of the following materials.

S.No.	Description of Material	Qty
01.	Supply of T Shirts	2000 No's
02.	Supply of Caps	2000 No's
03.	Supply of Tarpaulin Bag	4,000 No's
04.	Supply of Cash Bags	1,000 No's
05.	Wall/Shop Painting (Advertisement) on ARC Basis	2,00,000 Sqft
06.	Supply of Dealer Boards on ARC Basis	500 No's
07.	Supply of A Sign Boards on ARC Basis	300 No's
08.	Supply of coding consumables to Products & UHT Division of KOMUL on ARC Basis	01 Lot

IFT No. KMU/ PUR/ E-PROCUREMENT/ 8072 /2022-23 Date: 02.01.2023

Sl. No	Description of Material	Qty
01	Supply of Butter Unsalted Mono Cartons to Mega Dairy, Chikkaballapur on ARC Basis	200 gm = 80,000 No's 500 gm = 2,00,000 No's

Access to E-tender Documents : 03.01.2023 to 01.02.2023 5.30PM
Last date for submission : on or before 01.02.2023, 5.30 PM
Date of opening of Tech. Tender : 03.02.2023, 11.00 AM onwards
Tender documents may be downloaded from e-procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/**

Sd/- M.D.KOMUL

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-Procurement Mode)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works:

No. SE(E)/TR(M)RMGC/EE/AEE-1/F-35/22-23/4499-502 Date: 03.01.2023

Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/PIDTESTING/EPR-353/CALL-2 Dtd: 02.01.2023 for conducting Live Line PID Testing/ Scanning on age old 90KN Porcelain Suspension Disc Insulator strings & 120KN Porcelain Tension Disc Insulator strings of 220kV Nelamangala-Dabaspet-Kadur & Nelamangala-Nittur DC lines in TLM Jurisdiction, Nelamangala limits in TL&SS Division Nelamangala pertains to Ramanagara Circle **ON TOTAL TURNKEY BASIS.** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 4,86,750/-** and EMD: **Rs.4,868/-.**

No. SE(E)/TR(M)RMGC/EE/AEE-1/F-35/22-23/4499-502 Date: 03.01.2023

Bid Enq. No. KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/RMGC/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/EPR-352/CALL-2 Dtd: 02.01.2023 for Procurement of 600kgs (1 Kg pack) of Anti Weed Chemical equivalent XLMera-71 annually to avoid weeds grown in the switchyard of 400kV Receiving Station Nelamangala in TL&SS Division, Nelamangala pertains to Ramanagara Circle **ON TOTAL TURNKEY BASIS.** Amount put to tender: **Rs. 8,49,600/-.** EMD: **Rs. 8,496/-.**

The bids will be received through e-procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the enquiry can be obtained by logging onto KPTCL website: **https://kptcl.karnataka. \gov.in** on the hyperlink e-procurement on or after **04.01.2023 at 16.30 Hrs.** Other details can ne obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer (Ele), Transmission (Maint.), Ramanagara Circle, KPTCL, 220/66/11/KV Vrushabhavathi Station, Complex, Mysuru Road, Bengalauru - 560 026. Ph: 080-29629155.**

Sugar output rose 3.7% in Q4 to 121 lakh tonnes: ISMA

The Hindu Bureau
COIMBATORE

The Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA) on January 3 said sugar production (after taking into consideration sugar diverted for ethanol) from October 1 to December 31 was 120.7 lakh tonnes as against 116.4 lakh tonnes a year earlier.

The number of factories in operation is also higher at 509 as against 500. More number of factories are functioning mainly in Maharashtra (196) and Karnataka (73) this season. With 509 sugar mills in operation, sugar output is up by four lakh tonnes now compared with the last season.

Cloud tech key to scaling India's digital journey, says Nadella

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Microsoft chairman and CEO Satya Nadella on Tuesday reinforced the digital imperative for every organisation and said Microsoft Cloud could 'foster innovation, create broad economic progress, and accelerate the growth of businesses in India'.

Sharing his vision for a tech-enabled India, he said cloud technologies would be foundational to scaling India's digital journey and Microsoft was 'innovating across the tech stack' to support the country's ecosystem of developers, start-ups and companies across every industry.

"Our mission is to empower every person and every organisation on the planet to achieve more, and ultimately, we have to measure our success by achieving that mission," said Mr. Nadella, while addressing a gathering of top CEOs of Indian companies at the Microsoft Future Ready Leadership Summit in Mumbai.

Satya Nadella

"In simple terms, we should do well only when the world around us is doing well. One of the most fantastic things even in this trip into India that I'm learning about, is not just what's happening in the top cities, but what's happening across all the cities in the country and how digital is playing a role," he added.

On artificial intelligence, Mr. Nadella said: "Let's think about how it can augment every one of us in whatever we are doing . Every knowledge worker is going to be more creative, more expressive, more productive. Every frontline worker will be able to do more [with] knowledge than they ever did," Mr. Nadella said.

ANOTHER UPSET

Relentless Brentford rattles Liverpool with 3-1 victory

Brentford pulled off its latest Premier League scalp by beating Liverpool 3-1 at home on Monday, bringing Juergen Klopp's side's four-game winning streak to an end.
The result: Brentford 3 (Konate 19-og, Wissa 42, Mbeumo 84) bt Liverpool 1 (Oxlade-Chamberlain 50).

NEW ROLE

Ganguly set to join Delhi Capitals as Director of Cricket

Former BCCI president Sourav Ganguly will be returning to the IPL as Director of Cricket with the Delhi Capitals in the upcoming edition, sources close to the development said on Tuesday. He will also oversee all the cricket verticals of the franchise along with the ILT20 team Dubai Capitals and SA T20 league side Pretoria Capitals.

IN THE MIX AGAIN

Becker back to work as Australian Open pundit

A month after his release from prison, Boris Becker will return as a consultant for Eurosport during the Australian Open. "I am delighted that Boris Becker is returning to our Eurosport team at the Australian Open," said Jochen Gundel, one of the managers of the German subsidiary of Warner. Bros Discovery.

FAREWELL, LEGEND

Pele buried in his final resting place in Santos

Pele was buried in his final resting place in Santos on Tuesday as millions of fans in Brazil and around the world mourned the football legend. Newly inaugurated President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva paid his respects at Vila Belmiro, the stadium where Pele played for most of his career.

India claims a thriller riding on Mavi's dream debut after Hooda, Axar show

India opens the three-match T20I series against Sri Lanka with a two-run win; skipper Shanaka and Karunaratne's cameos go in vain for the visitors

SRI LANKA IN INDIA

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Deepak Hooda and Axar Patel's final flurry gave India a respectable, if not formidable, total. A largely inexperienced pace attack – led by debutant Shivam Mavi – then barely managed to defend it and help India start the New Year on a winning note.

Riding on the trio's stellar show, India opened the three-match T20I series against Sri Lanka with a two-run win at the Wankhede Stadium on Tuesday night.

Shining bright

Despite both the top orders failing to fire, the all-rounders shone bright that ensured a thrilling end to the game. Axar Patel was entrusted with the responsibility, with Sri Lanka needing 13 runs in the last over. Chamika Karunaratne did clear the mid-wicket fence but a couple of dot balls outside the off-stump and a change of angle off the last ball meant India gave the fans a reason to rejoice.

Ishan Kishan started the night by tonking 16 runs off the first over of the innings bowled by Kasun Rajitha which fetched 17 runs. But unorthodox spinner Maheesh Theekshana and left-arm pacer Dilshan Madushanka justified their captain Dasun Shanaka's decision to field.

When India captain Hardik Pandya nicked Madushanka behind off the first ball of the 15th over, India, at 94 for five, was in danger of being restricted to a below-par total.

Hooda and Axar then swung the pendulum in India's favour with an unbroken association of 68 runs off just 35 balls. While Hooda started the onslaught with successive sixes off Theekshana in the 16th, Axar joined the party by dispatching Madushanka into the stands in the penultimate over. The duo ended the innings on a high, adding 28 runs in the last two overs to help India cross the 160-run mark.

On a ground that's tailor-made for chasing, India had to strike early. Mavi, earning a debut with Arshdeep Singh unavailable for selection, did exactly that. In his first over, the pacer swung one back in to sneak through the gate of Pathum Nissanka. In his next, Dhananjaya de Silve top-edged Mavi to Sanju Samson at mid-off, who had earlier dropped one off captain Hardik.

Umran Malik's introduction meant Kusal Mendis and Charith Asalanka were glued to the backfoot, with the speedster's pace too hot to handle. In his second over, Asalanka top-edged a pull and Ishan ran all the way to deep fine-leg and lunged to his right to take an excellent catch.

Harshal Patel struck twice in the middle to help India be in control. But captain Shanaka's cameo kept Sri Lanka in the hunt. Wanindu Hasaranga's back-to-back slog sweeps to clear the fence off Yuzvendra Chahal gave the Lankans hope.

But Mavi's reintroduction saw him account for Hasaranga. When Shanaka found Chahal at covers off Umran in the 17th over, the writing was on the wall.

Karunaratne though brought Sri Lanka into the game yet again. But it wasn't enough.

Memorable outing: Mavi is the toast of his teammates as he nails one of four victims . EMMANUAL YOGINI

SCOREBOARD

INDIA
Ishan Kishan c Dhananjaya b Hasaranga 37 *(29b, 3x4, 2x6)*, Shubman Gill lbw b Theekshana 7 *(5b, 1x4)*, Suryakumar Yadav c Rajapaksa b Karunaratne 7 *(10b, 1x4)*, Sanju Samson c Madushanka b Dhananjaya 5 *(6b)*, Hardik Pandya c Mendis b Madushanka 29 *(27b, 4x4)*, Deepak Hooda (not out) 41 *(23b, 1x4, 4x6)*, Axar Patel (not out) 31 *(20b, 3x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-1,w-4): 5; Total (for five wkts. in 20 overs): 162.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-27 (Gill, 2.3 overs), 2-38 (Suryakumar, 5.1), 3-46 (Samson, 6.5), 4-77 (Kishan, 10.3), 5-94 (Hardik, 14.1).

SRI LANKA BOWLING
Rajitha 4-0-47-0, Madushanka 4-0-35-1, Theekshana 4-0-29-1, Karunaratne 3-0-22-1, Dhananjaya 1-0-6-1, Hasaranga 4-0-22-1.

SRI LANKA
Pathum Nissanka b Mavi 1 *(3b)*, Kusal Mendis c Samson b Harshal 28 *(25b, 5x4)*, Dhananjaya de Silva c Samson b Mavi 8 *(6b, 2x4)*, Charith Asalanka c Kishan b Umran 12 *(15b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Bhanuka Rajapaksa c Hardik b Harshal 10 (11b, 1x4), Dasun Shanaka c Chahal b Umran 45 *(27b, 3x4, 3x6)*, Wanindu Hasaranga c Hardik b Mavi 21 *(10b, 1x4, 2x6)*, Chamika Karunaratne (not out) 23 *(16b, 2x6)*, Maheesh Theekshana c Suryakumar b Mavi 1 *(4b)*, Kasun Rajitha run out 5 *(4b)*, Dilshan Madushanka run out 0 *(0b)*; Extras (lb-1, w-4, nb-1): 6; Total (in 20 overs): 160.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-12 (Nissanka, 1.5), 2-24 (Dhananjaya, 3.5), 3-47 (Asalanka, 7.5), 4-51 (Mendis, 8.2), 5-68 (Rajapaksa, 10.4), 6-108 (Hasaranga, 14.3), 7-129 (Shanaka, 16.4), 8-132 (Theekshana, 17.4). 9-159 (Rajitha, 19.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Hardik 3-0-12-0, Mavi 4-0-22-4, Umran 4-0-27-2, Chahal 2-0-26-0, Harshal 4-0-41-2, Axar 3-0-31-0.
Toss: Sri Lanka.
India won by two runs to take a 1-0 lead in three-match series.
Second T20I: Jan. 5, Pune, 7 p.m.

Bumrah in squad for Sri Lanka ODIs

Amol Karhadkar
MUMBAI

Jasprit Bumrah has been added to India's squad for the three-match ODI series against Sri Lanka, starting in Guwahati on Jan. 10. Bumrah had been sidelined since last September due to a stress reaction in his back.

"The pacer has undergone rehabilitation and has been declared fit by the NCA. He will be joining the Team India ODI squad soon," the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah said in a statement on Tuesday.

Bumrah had resumed bowling in the nets since late November and has been gradually increasing his workload ever since.

Bumrah last featured in a competitive match on Sept. 25 in a T20I versus Australia.

Bumrah. FILE PHOTO

The squad: Rohit Sharma (Capt.), Hardik Pandya (Vice-capt.), Shubman Gill, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Washington Sundar, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed Shami, Mohammed Siraj, Umran Malik and Arshdeep Singh.

BCCI invites bids to own WIPL teams

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The BCCI on Tuesday invited bids to own and operate teams in the inaugural Women's Indian Premier League (WIPL) scheduled for March.

The inaugural season of the Women's IPL is likely to be played from March 3 to 26, which will be followed by the men's IPL.

"Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announces release of Invitation To Tender (ITT) for the right to own and operate a team in Women's Indian Premier League," the board said in a statement.

The ITT will be available for purchase for a non-refundable fee of ₹5 lakh till Jan. 21.

Ramkumar and Mukund ousted, Indian singles challenge ends

TATA OPEN

N. Sudarshan
PUNE

The Indian singles challenge at the Tata Open Maharashtra ended without a solitary success story as Ramkumar Ramanathan and Mukund Sasikumar followed Manas Manoj Dhamne and Sumit Nagal out of the tournament here on Tuesday.

While Ramkumar was beaten by Spain's Pedro Martinez – World No. 62 and an ATP tour titlist in 2022 (Santiago, clay) – 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, Mukund, India's top-ranked singles player, fell to a dispiriting 4-6, 5-7 loss to Italy's Flavio Cobolli.

But the afternoon started more with a bang than a whimper. On an outside court, under the blazing afternoon sun, Ramkumar held the upper hand for a set and a half. With his net-rushing game, he shortened points to his liking even as Martinez tried to rally and test the Indian's patience. It was to Ramkumar's credit that he wasn't trigger happy, and even unleashed a few winners from his traditionally weak backhand wing. However, the combined loss of three breakpoints in the third and fifth games of the second set shifted momentum. Martinez refocused and played pretty much flawless tennis thereafter.

The Spaniard earned his first opportunity to level the contest in the 12th game, courtesy a great pass and a fine stretched cross-court return. A double-fault from Ramkumar gave him the set.

In the third, Ramkumar had no answer to Martinez's whipped forehands and deep returns at his shoelaces as he fell behind 2-5. He let his peers, who had lined up to watch him, know that his opponent was "missing nothing, not even half a ball." Martinez proved it, yet again, with an excellent drop volley to end the match.

Like Ramkumar, Mukund too started brightly against Cobolli, with early breaks in both sets. But the 20-year-old qualifier was unruffled and lifted his level a couple of notches to triumph. "It's not over with just a break of serve," Mukund said later.

Ramkumar later teamed up with Mexican Miguel Reyes-Varela to oust Rohan Bopanna and Netherlands' Botic Van de Zandschulp 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), [11-9].

Focused: Martinez shifted momentum in the second set and played largely flawless tennis. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The results (first round):
Singles: Flavio Cobolli (Ita) bt Mukund Sasikumar 6-4, 7-5; Tim van Rijthoven (Ned) bt Radu Albot (Mda) 6-4, 6-4; Pedro Martinez (Esp) bt Ramkumar Ramanathan 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; Maximilian Marterer (Ger) bt Elias Ymer (Swe) 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Aslan Karatsev bt Pablo Andujar (Esp) 6-1, 6-3. **Doubles:** 1-Rajeev Ram (USA) & Joe Salisbury (GBR) bt Sebastian Baez (Arg) & Luis David Martinez (Ven) 6-3, 7-6 (1); Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan & Sriram Balaji bt Purav Raja & Divij Sharan 6-4, 6-3; Sadio Doumbia & Fabien Reboul (Fra) bt Yuki Bhambri & Saketh Myneni 6-7 (1), 7-5, [10-7]. Ramkumar & Miguel Reyes-Varela (Mex) bt Rohan Bopanna & Botic Van de Zandschulp (Ned) 7-6 (5), 6-7 (4), [11-9].

Solanki beats Harendra; Varinder advances

Sports Bureau
HISAR

Gaurav Solanki posted a commanding win over Harendra Singh to set up a 60kg quarterfinal clash with title holder Varinder Singh in the National boxing here on Tuesday.

Important results (preliminary rounds):
48kg: Himanshu Sharma (Pun) Vishal (HP) 4-1, Vinay Kumar (AIP) bt A.Vignesh Kumar (TN) 4-1, Govind Sahani (RSPB) bt Man Singh (J-K) 5-0, Heli Tana Tara (Aru) bt Vikash Singh (UP) 4-3, Ashish (Har) bt Barun Singh Shagolshem (SSCB) 4-1.
51kg: Zoram Nuama (Miz) bt Roshan Zamir (Goa) 4-1, Mohd. Aarif (J-K) bt Ankit Chouhan (UP) 5-2, Mohit Singh (Mah) bt Anchit Sharma (Del) 4-1, Bishwamitra Chongthan (SSCB) bt Prabhudas Yadla (AP) 5-0; **54kg**: Gourav Gosavi (Mah) bt Karan Gupta (MP) 5-0, Rajpinder Singh (Pun) bt Priyandhu Dabas (Har) 3-1.
57kg: Mohammad Hussamuddin (SSCB) bt Lallawmawma (Miz) 5-0; **60kg**: Varinder Singh (RSPB) bt Ibrahim Mohmmed (SSCB) 5-0, Gaurav Solanki (Har) bt Harendra Singh (MP); **63.5kg**: Manish Kaushik (SSCB) bt Sandeep Doni (AP) RSC-R2.

Kerala Blasters begins the New Year with facile win

ISL-9

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Kerala Blasters began the New Year in fine fashion, thrashing Jamshedpur FC 3-1 in the Indian Super League at the Nehru Stadium here on Tuesday. The victory, its seventh from eight matches, saw the Blasters climb over ATK Mohun Bagan and move to the third spot in the 11-team table.

Jamshedpur has had a miserable season so far and the Blasters made the most of it, coming up with waves of attack. Defender Jessel Carneiro frequently broke through the left and fed Sahal Samad and playmaker Adrian Luna.

Early strike

The home side waltzed through the Jamshedpur defence frequently and took the lead in the ninth minute. Greek forward Diamantakos Dimitrios moved in through the left and sent a cross to Australian Apostolos Giannou who tapped it in.

Jamshedpur's equaliser came eight minutes later. As Nigerian forward Daniel Chukwu sent a goal-bound longranger from the left, goalkeeper Prabhsukhan Gill rushed out leaving the cage open. As the ball floated over him, defender Mark Leskovic desperately flung himself on the ball and it deflected off his legs and went into the goal. But it was officially awarded to Chukwu.

The Blasters regained the lead shortly after the half-hour mark through a penalty, converted by Diamantakos, after a Boris Singh handball.

The Blasters third goal was a beauty. Luna who looked impressive all through with his neat passes and crosses, had a nice set of one-twos with Diamantakos and Giannou before moving to the centre of the box and sending home a perfect shot.

The result: Kerala Blasters 3 (Apostolos Giannou 9, Diamantakos 31-pen, Adrian Luna 65) bt Jamshedpur FC 1 (Daniel Chukwu 17).

Marksmen: Giannou, left, and Diamantakos netted two of Blasters' three goals. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

INBRIEF

Henry-Patel century stand propels New Zealand

Matt Henry and Ajaz Patel's last-wicket century stand helped New Zealand take control of the second Test against Pakistan in Karachi.

The scores: New Zealand 449 in 131 overs (Devon Conway 122, Tom Latham 71, Matt Henry 68 n.o., Tom Blundell 51; Abrar 4/149, Naseem 3/71, Salman 3/75) vs Pakistan 154/3 in 47 overs (Imam ul-Haq batting 74).

Manika reaches career high 35 in world rankings

Indian table tennis star Manika Batra on Tuesday gained three places to reach a career-high 35 in the ITTF world rankings. The 27-year-old's special performance to win India's first ever medal at the Asian Cup in November fetched her 175 points in the rankings

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs South Africa: 3rd Test, day 1, Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 5 a.m.
Ranji Trophy: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Pakistan vs NZ: Sony Sports Ten 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10.30 a.m.
Tata Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 2 p.m.
Serie A: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 5, 7, 9, 11 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Thursday)
Premier League: SS Select 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 1.15 a.m. (Thursday)

Ashutosh and Amandeep bail out Chhattisgarh

The duo comes up with a 210-run fourth-wicket stand, with the former hitting an unbeaten ton and the latter 93 after the Karnataka pacers use favourable conditions to prise out the top order

RANJI TROPHY

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Ashutosh Singh (118 batting, 273b, 18x4, 1x6) and Amandeep Khare (93, 191b, 13x4) dug deep to revive Chhattisgarh on the first day of its Ranji Trophy Elite Group 'C' match at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium here on Tuesday.

Ashutosh and Amandeep, who came together with Chhattisgarh in trouble at 43 for three, started cautiously before going for their shots in the evening session. The 210-run fourth-wicket stand stopped Karnataka from breaking the doors down. Chhattisgarh did well to end the day on 267 for five.

Karnataka pacer Vidwath Kaverappa gave the home side some hope with the second new ball, dismissing Khare and Sumit Ruikar in the 86th over. Khare, who was set to get his second hundred of the tournament, was most annoyed when he offered a nick to wicketkeeper B.R. Sharath.

Ashutosh was all class. He came to the crease in the second over, and looked comfortable in his long unbeaten stint.

Fine innings: Ashutosh was all class during his century knock. SUDHAKARA JAIN

With a fierce square cut to the fence, Ashutosh reached his fifth First Class century. He showed his biceps in celebration, and soaked in the loud applause from his teammates.

Ashutosh made most of a reprieve received when he was on 1, when Vishal Onat failed to grab a chance in the slip cordon.

Fast bowlers Kaverappa, Vyshak Vijaykumar and V. Koushik gained appreciable seam movement, particularly in the morning session. Openers Avnish Singh and Anuj Tiwary were sent back for ducks, both batters snapped up by Sharath.

After the initial success, the speedsters erred in line. The ball was often sprayed way down leg, forcing Sharath to make diving stops. Spinners K. Gowtham and Shreyas Gopal, who were unable to make any impact on this pitch, bowled 32 wicketless overs in total.

The scores:
Chhattisgarh - 1st innings: Avnish Singh c Sharath b Kaverappa 0, Anuj Tiwary c Sharath b Koushik 0, Ashutosh Singh (batting) 118, Harpreet Bhatia c Sharath b Vyshak 34, Amandeep Khare c Sharath b Kaverappa 93, Sumit Ruikar b Kaverappa 0, Shashank Singh (batting) 2; Extras (b-9, lb-6, w-3, nb-2): 20; Total (for five wkts. in 90 overs): 267.
Fall of wickets: 1-0, 2-1, 3-43, 4-253, 5-253.
Karnataka bowling: Kaverappa 21-4-54-3, Koushik 19-6-31-1, Vyshak 18-6-38-1, Shreyas 16-0-70-0, Gowtham 16-3-59-0.
Toss: Karnataka.

RANJI TROPHY SCORES (ROUND FOUR, DAY ONE)

Elite: Group A: Nagaland 291/6 in 89 overs (Shrikant Mundhe 66, Chetan Bist 94 batting, Hokaito Zhimomi 59) vs. Odisha. **Toss:** Odisha.
Bengal 269/3 in 84.3 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 141 batting, Sudip Kumar Gharami 90) vs. Uttarakhand. **Toss** Uttarakhand.
Uttar Pradesh vs. Haryana. First day's play washed out.
Baroda 327/7 in 90 overs (Priyanshu Moliya 47, Vishnu Solanki 164 batting) vs. Himachal Pradesh.
Toss: Baroda.
Group B: Andhra 135 in 51.1 overs (Abhishek Reddy 81, T. Ravi Teja 5/34) vs. Hyderabad 79/3 in 30 overs. Toss: Hyderabad.
Assam 272/9 in 87 overs (Swarupam Purkayastha 65, Akash Sengupta 63 batting) vs. Maharashtra.
Toss: Maharashtra.
Delhi 133 in 35 overs (Hrithik Shokeen 68 n.o., Jaydev Unadkat 8/39, incl. a hat-trick) vs. Saurashtra 184/1 in 46 overs (Harvik Desai 104 batting, Chirag Jani 44 batting).
Toss: Delhi.
Tamil Nadu 144 in 36.2 overs (Pradosh Ranjan Paul 55, Tushar Deshpande 5/37) vs. Mumbai 183/6 in 41 overs (Ajinkya Rahane 42, Sarfaraz Khan 46 batting).
Toss: Mumbai.
Group C: Chhattisgarh 267/5 in 90 overs (Ashutosh Singh 118 batting, Amandeep Khare 93) vs. Karnataka. **Toss:** Karnataka.
Pondicherry 216 in 62.4 overs (K.B. Arun Karthik 58) vs. Services 64/0 in 15 overs (Rahul Singh 40 batting).
Toss: Services.
Kerala 247/5 in 90 overs (Rohan Prem 112 batting, Sachin Baby 46) vs. Goa.
Toss: Kerala.
Jharkhand 92 in 47 overs (Aniket Choudhary 4/16, Tanveer Ul-Haq 4/42) vs. Rajasthan 101/4 in 31 overs (Yash Kothari 52, Ashish Kumar 4/26).

Unadkat (Saurashtra, 8/39, incl. hat-trick). AP

Toss: Rajasthan.
Group D: Chandigarh 313/2 in 86 overs (Arslan Khan 73, Manan Vohra 124 batting, Kunal Mahajan 103 batting) vs. Tripura.
Toss: Tripura.
Punjab 276/7 in 90 overs (Prabhsimran Singh 43, Nehal Wadhera 120 batting, Anmol Malhotra 41) vs. Gujarat.
Toss: Punjab.
Railways 322/8 in 85 overs (Mohammad Saif 161 batting) vs. Jammu & Kashmir.
Toss: Railways.
Madhya Pradesh 234/6 in 90 overs (Rajat Patidar 121, Saransh Jain 45 batting) vs. Vidarbha.
Toss: Vidarbha.
Plate: Mizoram 104 in 35.4 overs (Shreevats Goswami 58, Pheiroijam Singh 4/35) vs. Manipur 117/4 in 52 overs.
Toss: Manipur.
Meghalaya 424/3 in 90 overs (Raj Biswa 49, Kishan Lyngdoh 128, Punit Bisht 205 batting) vs. Arunachal Pradesh.
Toss: Arunachal Pradesh.
Bihar vs. Sikkim. First day's play washed out.

Stokes and the modern age: what next in this brave new world?

BETWEEN WICKETS
Suresh Menon

Six batsmen made more runs than Ben Stokes's 870 last year; 33 among the top 50 had better averages, five stood above him in strike rates. He had 26 wickets too, 13th in the list. A middling year for the England captain, you might say. Yet, for me, he was the Cricketer of the Year, giving us promise of a rejuvenated form of Test cricket. In the process he elevated himself to a position occupied by a handful – as a significant captain.

Two questions arise in the new year from England's remarkable success under Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum (nine wins from ten matches, no draws).

Will other countries attempt to emulate England's strategy of quick scoring, positive cricket and thus bring the crowds back into the stadiums? The excitement of short-format cricket spread over five days was always a fantasy; now Stokes has shown how it can be done. He and his men are carrying Test cricket into the modern age.

The second question is about sustainability. Can England continue in this manner consistently? Have England and Stokes put themselves under too much pressure to play a type of cricket that does not guarantee success at all times (even if it guarantees excitement)?

In Australia, Steve Smith said, "I am intrigued to see how long it lasts," while David Warner said their team will be playing 'Ronball', a reference to Australia's head coach Andrew Macdonald who is known as 'Ron'.

'Bazball', named after McCullum whose nickname is 'Baz' is cricket's word of the year. A mindset and a specific set of skills have to come together for it to work. In Pakistan, the graveyard of positive cricket, England discovered they had both the batting (Harry Brook made three centuries in the three Tests all of which England won), and the bowling to rewrite history. Before Stokes, they had won just one Test in 17.

Gentle revolution

Coaches aver that a team should adapt a system to suit the talent available. You cannot squeeze players into a system if they don't have the skill or aptitude for it. England have shown that perhaps - just perhaps - the system, or the philosophy can be worked out first, and then the players selected. It is a gentle revolution (revolutions in cricket tend to be gentle).

No individual has contributed to this as much as Stokes has, not just batting or bowling, but in his creative field placings and bowling changes too.

A defeat is not the end of the world, he seemed to be saying, if it comes while charging on the road to victory. This infuses the team with an energy and spirit that raises the game above the routine.

Test cricket needs all the help it can get against the marauding T20 tournaments, and the McCullum-Stokes combo showed how a five-day game can match shorter formats for excitement.

'Dravidball'

What of India in this brave new world? Does 'Dravidball' (which sounds better than 'Rahulball') lay as much emphasis on the process as the product? Indian cricket has believed for some time now that if the process is worked on, the product will take care of itself. I think it originated with M S Dhoni, or perhaps earlier, with Anil Kumble.

India lost Tests and the series in South Africa, and the lone Test in England (carried over from 2021), while four captains led in seven matches.

Two wins apiece against Sri Lanka and Bangladesh suggested they were still the best in Asia, something they will count on when Australia arrive next month for four Tests with the possibility that these two teams might make it to the final of the World Test Championship.

A former player has said that Bazball "is not in our DNA." For India at least, winning continues to be more important than the manner in which victory is achieved.

Fear of failure, something that England have worked at eliminating, continues to rule in India, perhaps understandably given the reaction to defeat at home.

This will be an interesting year for Test cricket, given the glimpses into the possible we were given last year. India could show too that there is more than one way to win a Test match.

Karthik Venkataraman crowned champion

NATIONAL CHESS

Rakesh Rao
NEW DELHI

After Abhijeet Gupta's five-hour search for a win ended in a draw against Sayantan Das, overnight leader Karthik Venkataraman became the National chess champion here on Tuesday.

Tirupati-based Karthik, 23, aggregated 10 points from 13 rounds after drawing the final round with N.R. Visakh.

Abhijeet (9.5 points) came out of a difficult position and created some pressure on Sayantan but eventually missed the chance for a winning continuation and drew. He topped a four-way tie at 9.5 points to finish runner-up.

Karthik, winner of the 2018 National junior title at the same venue, collected the winner's share of ₹6 lakh and a towering trophy.

Leading results (13th round): Karthik Venkataraman (AP) drew with N.R. Visakh (Rlys); Sayantan Das (Rlys) drew with Abhijeet Gupta (Pet); Aronyak Ghosh (Rlys) drew with Mitrabha Guha (Ben); N.B. Hari Madhavan (TN) drew with Koustav Chatterjee (Ben); P. Shyaamnikhil (Rlys) bt L.R. Srihari (TN); S.P. Sethuraman (Pet) bt Deepan Chakkravarthy (Rlys); P. Iniyan (TN) bt Anuj Shrivatri (MP); Audi Ameya (Goa) lost to N.R. Vignesh (Rlys); Sandipan Chanda (Ben) lost to Vendant Panesar (Mah); S. Nitin (Rlys) drew with G.B. Harshavardhan (TN).

Karthik. RAKESH RAO

Final standings (top-10, prize-money): 1. Karthik Venkataraman (10 points, ₹6 lakh), 2-5. Abhijeet Gupta (9.5, ₹5 lakh), N.R. Visakh (9.5, ₹4 lakh), P. Shyaamnikhil (9.5, ₹3 lakh), Sayantan Das (9.5, ₹2.50 lakh). 6-10. Aronyak Ghosh (9, ₹2 lakh), Koustav Chatterjee (9, ₹2 lakh), Mitrabha Guha (9, ₹2 lakh), S.P. Sethuraman (9, ₹1.5 lakh) and N.B. Hari Madhavan (9, ₹1.5 lakh).

Divya closer to title

Meanwhile, Divya Deshmukh moved a step closer to retain her title after beating C.M.N. Sunyuktha in the ninth round of the MPL National women's chess championship at Kolhapur on Tuesday.

Leading results (ninth round): C.M.N. Sunyuktha (6) lost to Divya Deshmukh (8); Mary Ann Gomes (7) drew with Vantika Agrawal (6.5); Soumya Swaminathan (6.5) drew with Isha Sharma (6.5). Sakshi Chitlange (6.5) drew with Srija Seshadri (6.5); Bhakti Kulkarni (6.5) bt Aashna Makhija (5.5); Nisha Mohota (6) drew with A. G. Nimmy (6); Saniya Tadavi (5.5) lost to V. Varshini (6.5); Samriddhaa Ghosh (6) drew with Vishwa Shah (6).

Ajay wins 81kg gold, rewrites snatch record

WEIGHTLIFTING

K. Keerthivasan
NAGERCOIL

Ajay Singh Shekhawat, who is with the Army Sports Institute (Pune), bagged the men's 81kg gold in the National weightlifting championships here on Tuesday, rewriting his own record in snatch (149) for a total of 323, a whopping 20kg more than silver medallist V. Ajay Babu.

The results: Men: 81kg: Senior: Ajay Singh Shekhawat (Raj, snatch 149, clean & jerk 174, total 323); 2. Valluri Ajay Babu (MP, 139, 164, 303); 3. Kanhu Charana Sahu (Odi, 132, 171, 303); **Junior:** 1. Anubhav Singh (Raj, 129, 155, 284); 2. Bhavesh Sarang (Cht, 130, 151, 281); 3. Aamir Malik (Utk, 131, 147, 278); **Youth:** Lalruatfela (Miz, 120, 150, 270); 2. Nakul Goswami (UP, 112, 156, 268); 3. M. Tarun (AP, 119, 148, 267).

Women: 64kg: Senior: 1. S. Nirupama Devi (RSPB, 88, 118, 206); 2. S. Pallavi (AP, 90, 112, 202); 3. K. Roshilata Devi (Man, 83, 114, 197); **Junior:** Bhawna (Har, 85, 107, 192); 2. Ditimoni Sonowal (Asm, 81, 106, 187); 3. K.H. Anjali Devi (Man, 79, 100, 179); **Youth:** Sonakshi (Har, 75, 95, 170; 2. A. Yasasri (AP, 73, 96, 169); 3. Sushma Devi (UP, 74, 90, 164).

SNAPSHOTS

Italy to meet Poland in Brisbane City final

BRISBANE: Italy blanked Norway 5-0 to reach the next round of the inaugural United Cup tournament where it will take on Poland for a spot in the semifinals. Poland overcame Switzerland 3-2. The winners of each of the two groups from Sydney, Perth and Brisbane compete in the "city finals" on Wednesday to determine who makes the last four. The fourth semifinalist will be a runner-up with the best record.
At Sydney, Britain set up a meeting with United States, while Greece earned a spot in the Perth final with win over Belgium. Up next for it is Croatia.
The results: At Perth: Group A: Greece bt Belgium 4-1; **Group F:** Croatia leads France 3-1.
At Brisbane: Group B: Poland bt Switzerland 3-2; **Group E:** Italy bt Norway 5-0.
At Sydney: Group C: USA bt Germany 5-0; **Group D:** Australia bt Spain 3-2.

Delhi prevails over Karnataka

NEW DELHI: Delhi got the better of Karnataka 25-16, 25-16, 24-26, 25-17 in the 44th National sub-junior volleyball championship on Tuesday.

General Atlantic claims Rani Lakshmibai Plate

HYDERABAD: Trainer N. Ravinder Singh's General Atlantic (Gaurav Singh up) won the Rani Lakshmibai Plate, the chief event of Tuesday's (Jan. 3) races. The winner is owned by Mr. Praveen Kumar Katakam.
1. MOULANA AZAD PLATE (DIV. I): SOUND ECHO (Kuldeep S) 1, Canterbury (Md. Ekram Alam) 2, Ayur Tej (Mukesh Kumar) 3 and Pancho (M. Madhu Babu) 4. 3/4, Nk and 1-1/4. 1m, 7.91s. ₹27 (w), 14, 24 and 20 (p). SHP: 76, THP: 41, SHW: 21 and 38, FP: 147, Q: 108, Tanala: 377. Favourite: Sound Echo. Owner: Col. K.S. Garcha. Trainer: S. Sreekant.
2. CUPID PLATE (DIV. I): ALL TIME LEGEND (Akshay Kumar) 1, Unsung Hero (Rafique Sk.) 2, Malaala (Ajay Kumar) 3 and Briar Ridge (Mukesh Kumar) 4. 3/4, 2 and 2. 1m, 12.17s. ₹23 (w), 11, 14 and 15 (p). SHP: 49, THP: 47, SHW: 13 and 21, FP: 84, Q: 55, Tanala: 289. Favourite: All Time Legend. Owner: Mr. N.V. Rohin Kumar. Trainer: D. Netto.
3. RANI LAKSHMIBAI PLATE: GENERAL ATLANTIC (Gaurav Singh) 1, Miss Marvellous (Afroz Khan) 2, Char Ek Char (Akshay Kumar) 3 and City Of Blessing (Mukesh Kumar) 4. 1, 1 and 3, 1m, 25.91s. ₹22 (w), 10, 21 and 16 (p). SHP: 51, THP: 49, SHW: 14 and 24, FP: 136, Q: 117, Tanala: 313. Favourite: General Atlantic. Owner: Mr. Praveen Kumar Katakam. Trainer: N. Ravinder Singh.
4. BEST OF GOLD PLATE (DIV. I): WIND SPRITE (Mukesh Kumar) 1, Nucleus (Mohit Singh) 2, Resurgence (Surya Prakash) 3 and Das (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 4. 1-1/4, Hd and Nk. 1m, 27.35s. ₹32 (w), 13, 13 and 10 (p). SHP: 35, THP: 44, SHW: 18 and 13, FP: 60, Q: 27, Tanala: 132. Favourite: Nucleus. Owners: Mr. Anil Kumar Venkat Epur, Mr. Mahesh Reddy & Mrs. Rajini Meka. Trainer: L. D'Silva.
5. CUPID PLATE (DIV. II): SHAZAM (Akshay Kumar) 1, City Of Bliss (Ajay Kumar) 2, Beauty On Parade (Sonu Kumar) 3 and Indian Temple (B. Nikhil) 4. 2, 2 and Nk. 1m, 12.88s. ₹25 (w), 12, 13 and 12 (p). SHP: 41, THP: 47, SHW: 18 and 26, FP: 117, Q: 62, Tanala: 224. Favourite: Shazam. Owner: Mr. Rohit Gupta rep. Rolli Stud Dairy & Agri. Farm. Trainer: Magan Singh.
6. SAROJINI NAIDU PLATE (DIV. I): BLAZING JUPITER (P. Ajeeth Kumar) 1, Vision Of Rose (Santosh Raj) 2, Its On (B. Nikhil) 3 and Salisbury (Afroz Khan) 4. 1/2, 3/4 and Nk. 1m, 12.76s. ₹51 (w), 18, 21 and 16 (p). SHP: 58, THP: 51, SHW: 48 and 28, FP: 237, Q: 139, Tanala: 960. Favourite: Its On. Owner: Mr. N.V. Rohin Kumar. Trainer: S. Sreekant.
7. MOULANA AZAD PLATE (DIV. II): EUPHORIA (B. Nikhil) 1, Paree (Sonu Kumar) 2, Challenger (Md. Ekram Alam) 3 and Good Tidings (A.A. Vikrant) 4. Shd, 1 and 3/4. 1m, 7.40s. ₹31 (w), 13, 21 and 12 (p). SHP: 82, THP: 45, SHW: 18 and 31, FP: 412, Q: 249, Tanala: 1,472. Favourite: Challenger. Owner: Mr. Rohit Gupta rep. Rolli Stud Dairy & Agri. Farm. Trainer: Magan Singh.
8. SAROJINI NAIDU PLATE (DIV. II): ICE BERRY (R.S. Jodha) 1, Royal Star (Afroz Khan) 2, Angel Tesoro (A.A. Vikrant) 3 and Coming Home (Mohit Singh) 4. 2, Hd and Nk. 1m, 12.51s. ₹86 (w), 27, 73 and 18 (p). SHP: 205, THP: 70, SHW: 46 and 131, FP: 5,201, Q: 1,706, Tanala: 13,325. Favourite: Coming Home. Owner: M.A.M. Ramaswamy Chettiar of Chettinad Charitable Trust. Trainer: K. Satheesh.
Jackpot: 70%: ₹1,43,623 (3 tkts.) & 30%: 1,884 (98 tkts.).
Mini Jackpot: 372 (174 tkts.)
Treble: (i) 151 (360 tkts.), (ii) 220 (162 tkts.), (iii) 3,270 (23 tkts.).

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Syed Jawwad scalps seven for Raichur

Syed Jawwad Ali (7/58) starred for Raichur Zone against Combined City XI in the KSCA under-14 inter-zonal tournament.

The scores: Combined City XI 286 in 85.4 overs (Dhruv Krishnan 26, Harshit Pai 70, Manish Benjamin 128, Syed Jawadd Ali 7/58) drew with Raichur Zone 111 in 58.3 overs (Basava Chetan 33, Gagan Sai 5/14) and 31 for no loss in 12.1 overs.
Shimoga Zone 81 in 41.3 overs (Khush Kothari 3/14) and 95 in 41.3 overs (M.A. Jeevan 30, A.G. Gurucharan 6/28) lost to Presidents's XI 214 in 67 overs (P. Rithesh 38, Pranav Kedlaya 40, Udgeet Nandan 41).
Bangalore City XI 201 in 66.1 overs (Nitish Arya 72, Rajarshi Mitra 51 n.o., Dhanush Kumar 3/27, Shreyash Depavat 3/31, A.A. Rohith 3/28) and 63/1 in 20 overs (Dhruv Santhosh 29 n.o.) drew with Tumkur Zone 254/7 in 90 overs (B. Romith 95, K. Akhil 38, A.A. Rohith 53, Rohith 26).
Dharwad Zone 163 in 64.1 overs (Ayush Patil 36, Sairaj Salunke 40, Aarav Ostwal 37, Gaurav Venkatesh 4/37, Mohammad Rayan 3/33) and 164/1 in 50 overs (Ayush Patil 100 n.o., Sairaj Salunke 55 n.o.) drew with Vice President's XI 162 in 63.1 overs (Shankargouda Sidaraddi 38, Yogesh Chavan 68, Prithvi Karajgi 3/32, Preetham Sunkapur 4/35).
Secretary's XI 280 in 74.3 overs (Aditya Jha 59, Arya Gowda 45, Anvay Dravid 49, D. Chiranth 48, Medhas Mukund 42 n.o., Shamanth 3/64, Aaryansinh Chavda 3/42) and 128/3 in 30 overs (Arya Gowda 47, Anvay Dravid 42, D. Chiranth 27 n.o.) drew with Bangalore Zone 267/8 in 90 overs (Aaryansinh Chavda 76, Syaamantak Anirudh 68, S. Leshan 39, G.K. Saivarun 37 n.o., Narasimha 3/69).
Mangalore Zone 144 in 85 overs (S.N. Avaneesha 31, Ayaan Sharmod 58, Krushik Krishna 3/15) and 50/1 in 25 overs drew with Mysore Zone 197/8 decl. in 61.2 overs (Patela 29, M.H. Dhyaan 56, R. Nischay 36, Ayaan Sharmod 4/38).